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Haig : U.S. won't push Europe on defense plan

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (Agencies) — U.S. Secretary of State-designate Alexander M. Haig has made it clear that he does not intend to engage in "public bludgeoning" with U.S. allies about sharing defense burdens. He told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee that Americans sometimes think a "Made in America" label on a defense program "Guarantees infallibility" whereas it may clash with European programs.

The former NATO military commander outlined to the Senate panel economic and defense problems faced by America's European allies and explained that "poor performance on our part has a very, very profound influence on European attitudes."

Questioned again Monday about what he would do to seek greater burden-sharing on the part of Japan and the European allies, Haig said the answer is "to develop a consensus with respect to the dangers we face if we fail to meet these needs and the priorities we must commonly establish to deal with them. That is the primary task of the department of state and American diplomacy. I would rather engage in that kind of a quiet consultative dialogue with our friends than public bludgeoning about their burden-sharing which in my experience has proven to be counterproductive."

Haig said the United States should increase its military presence in the Gulf and be prepared to take military action alone if necessary to protect oil supplies from that region. "The United States must continue to 'develop consensus' among allies to protect the oil supplies."

Haig declined to take a position on whether the United States should try to establish bases but said the United States must take action to demonstrate its concern in that region. "I think increased presence by the United States military is necessary in the period ahead," he said.

But he left open the issue of whether the United States should have a permanent base

in the region or an "intermittent presence." Haig said the possibility of a U.S. base in the Sinai would be considered along with other options.

On other issues, Haig said the United States should not reduce its support of South Korea, but declined to take a position on whether America should sell sophisticated F-16 jet fighters to Nationalist China. He said the United States is already obliged to supply Nationalist China with defensive military equipment and said he would take no position on specific items to be supplied until he studies the question further.

Haig said he did not foresee any basic change in U.S. policy toward the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) Haig disagreed with President-elect Reagan's description during the presidential campaign of the PLO as a terrorist organization. Asked about Reagan's comment, he said the PLO "encompasses a number of forces, influences attitudes."

There might be changes in policy "with respect to some elements we deal with, he said, but "regarding broader American policy, I don't see any change there."

Asked about the possibility of bringing the PLO into the Middle East peace negotiations, he said nothing would do more to undercut the position of Egyptian President Anwar Sadat, Israel and the credibility of the U.S. government. He said it was vitally important for the United States to honor its commitments to Israel.

Asked about the sale of F-15 fighter aircraft to Saudi Arabia in 1978, Haig said: "I would have been in favor of it if I had been asked." A request by Saudi Arabia last year for additional equipment for the aircraft met strong congressional opposition and has not been resolved.

All countries will participate

Aden says invitation not refused

KUWAIT, Jan. 13 (AFP) — South Yemen Foreign Minister Saleh Muhammad Tuesday denied that his country, or any other member of the hard-line Steadfastness Front, which also includes Syria, Libya, Algeria and the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), had refused to attend the Islamic summit in Mecca.

Reports of this nature were designed only to spread dissension and provoke the failure of the summit, he said before his departure at the end of a brief visit to Kuwait. During his stay the minister passed on a message to Kuwaiti head of state Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah from South Yemeni President Ali Nasser Muhammad. He said it related to the present situation internationally and in the Arab world.

Muhammad added that the return to the political scene of former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, who visited the Middle East recently, reflected the "aggressive intentions" of President-elect Ronald Reagan. When in office Kissinger had created a climate of war and dissension on the region, he said.

The minister also said his country rejected any European initiative for settling the Middle East crisis which did not take the Palestinian cause — "the very basis of the problem" — into consideration. Muhammad stressed that relations between South Yemen and Saudi Arabia were "good and normal, based on mutual respect for the independence and sovereignty of each country and non-interference in their foreign affairs."



CONFERENCE : Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al Faisal speaks to journalists at the press conference he gave in Taif Tuesday.

Jerusalem tops summit agenda

TAIF, Jan. 13 (SPA) — Saudi Arabia expects all heads of state invited to the third Islamic summit conference to attend, Prince Saud Al Faisal said here Tuesday. Speaking to representatives of the local press the minister said no country has officially declined to participate, adding that the Jan. 25 summit will be attended by kings, presidents, heads of state and rulers of Arab and Islamic countries. The foreign minister expressed the hope that conference would achieve "our objectives."

He said the Jerusalem and Palestine questions top the agenda of the conference, followed by the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan and the Iraqi-Iranian war.

The summit will also draw up new basis of economic cooperation among Islamic states and reconsider a new charter of the Organization of the Islamic Conference to serve the interests of and consolidate Islamic solidarity, he said.

A conference of Islamic foreign ministers is due to be held in Taif next Saturday to prepare the way for the summit. It will draw up the agenda and finalize documents that the leaders would need, he said. The Jerusalem paper was prepared by the Jerusalem Committee under King Hassan of Morocco. Its members include President Zia Ul Rahman of Bangladesh, President Ahmad Sekou Touré of Guinea and the membership of Palestine Liberation Organization, Jordan, Syria, Saudi Arabia and a number of other states. Its task was further enlarged because it was called upon to draw up a strategy of Islamic action over the conflict with Israel and another for the liberation of the city. The organization was asked to prepare two working papers about its charter and another on the information services in the Islamic states. Other documents will deal with the Islamic Development Bank, the Islamic Solidarity Fund and the Jerusalem Fund, the Prince said.

To solve Afghan crisis

Moscow backs Pakistani bid

UNITED NATIONS, New York, Jan. 13 (AFP) — A Soviet official at the U.N. said Monday that Moscow would back a Pakistani initiative to hold talks with Afghanistan over the issues that divide them, even if it included a U.N. presence at such a meeting.

Soviet Charge d'Affaires Richard Ovinikov was speaking to AFP after conveying to Secretary-General Kurt Waldheim his government's views on a letter sent by Pakistani Foreign Minister Agha Shahi to Waldheim calling on him to name a special U.N. representative on the Afghanistan question. Ovinikov claimed Shahi's proposal "is not dear." If the proposal was linked to last November's General Assembly resolution calling for the withdrawal of foreign troops from Afghanistan, it would be "inacceptable to Afghanistan and the Soviet Union, as was the assembly resolution," Ovinikov said.

The text of Shahi's letter sent to Waldheim on Jan. 2 has not yet been published. But sources here said that it did not mention the General Assembly resolution, which was passed after heated debate about the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan.

A spokesman for Waldheim said that Monday morning the secretary-general spoke by telephone to Shahi who is now in Belgrade. During the talk, Shahi explained in detail the views of the Pakistani government and the significance of its initiative, the spokesman said.

The Soviet Union is said to have 100,000 or more troops in Afghanistan fighting nationalists against the Afghan government. A representative body of the Afghan refugees in India has appealed Pakistan not to negotiate with the Afghan government. "It would be a pity and it would cause a great damage to the noble cause of Afghan independence if the Pakistani government falls into the Russian trap," said Muhammad Matwand, secretary general of the New Delhi-based "Afghan Liberation Organization" in a letter to Pakistani President Muhammad Zia-ul-Haq.

Matwand said that the Soviet-inspired Afghan offer for a political settlement to the year-old Afghan crisis was aimed at "confusing" the nonaligned foreign ministers conference scheduled in the Indian capital from Feb. "The Russians have come to the conclusion that India is not likely to dance in their tune in the conference... with the majority of the nonaligned countries opposing the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan. There is every possibility that the conference may go out of control... (and) this may create great embarrassment for Moscow," the letter said.

Bank of Japan governor due in Riyadh

JEDDAH, Jan. 13 — The Governor of Bank of Japan Bank Hiroo Makiawa was due to arrive in Riyadh Wednesday for talks with the Minister of Finance and National Economy Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al Khalil and the Governor of the Saudi Arabian Monetary Agency Sheikh Abdul Aziz Al Qurashi.

Japanese officials told Arab News that few details were known about his proposed talks which will last one day. He will leave for Tokyo Thursday, they said.

Makiawa, who comes here from Europe, had talks with Quraishi in Tokyo last year when the SAMA governor visited Japan for talks with leading Japanese bankers and financiers in the government and the private sectors including Finance Minister Michio Watanabe. The amount of potential Saudi Arabian investments in Japan was not specified during that visit, but the Japanese newspaper Yomiuri said that the desire to invest was repeatedly expressed by Quraishi.

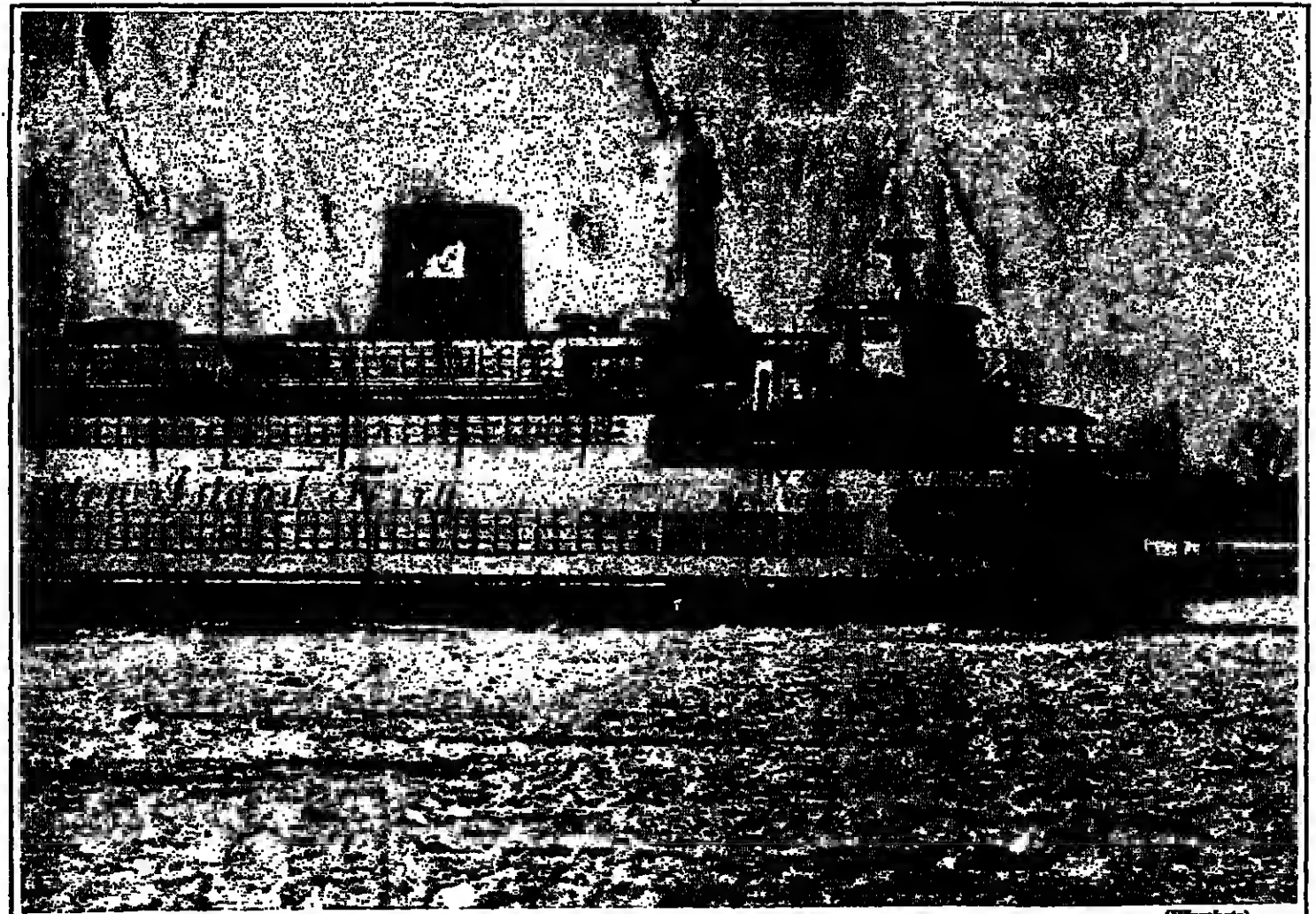
It said that he proposed that his country purchase yen-based external loans, expand the sale of Japanese government bonds, and extend the current remaining life of Japanese government bonds that the country was purchasing from three to five years. It quoted Japanese government and financial leaders as saying that Saudi Arabia might be willing to recycle "a certain portion of the money" Japan depends on the K.U. cent of its oil needs. It said investments will help to further improve trade balance and stabilize the exchange rate against foreign currencies.

Sharp rise in dollar

LONDON, Jan. 13 (R) — The dollar rose sharply in buoyant trading on world foreign exchanges Tuesday, gaining more than two pence against the West German mark. Gold prices were narrowly mixed. London's five bullion houses fixed the morning gold price at \$566 a troy ounce, up from \$563.75 Monday, and in Zurich the metal traded at a median \$564.50 an ounce, up from \$562.50.

In Hong Kong, gold closed at \$568.65 down 33.3. The metal finished at \$561 in New York late Monday.

In Tokyo, the dollar rose more than two yen to close at 204.65 from 202 Monday.



SALLING THROUGH ICE : Lady Liberty could use a blanket 1/12 as the temperature in New York city dipped to 3 degrees. The bay off lower Manhattan was full of ice. Passing by the famed statue is the Staten Island ferry that carries people and cars between the boroughs of Manhattan and Staten Island.

Frolinat against Libya-Chad merger

GRADE, Jan. 13 (Agencies) — The for the Liberation of Chad (FROLINAT) rejected the merger between Chad and Libya and has described the government of President Goukouni Oueddei as "illegitimate." The Sudanese News Agency Sana reported Tuesday in a pool of nonaligned news agencies distributed here. FROLINAT's leader Haj Samussi, in a statement to Sana, described the activities of Libyans in Chad, "similar to the actions of Israel in Palestine."

Samussi, who is minister of national reconstruction in the government of National Unity, said there were foreign nationals with the Libyan troops which "invaded Chad."

Meanwhile, France, which has been increasing its troop strength in Africa in

response to Libyan merger with Chad, has sent a high-level military delegation to Khartoum, Sana said in Khartoum Monday.

Sudan is one of the African countries that have criticized the involvement of an estimated 2,000-4,000 Libyan troops in the Chadian civil war and the subsequent proposed merger of Libya and Chad.

A three-member delegation led by Gerard Hibon, director of international relations in the French ministry of Defense, Monday met Sudan's Defense Minister Abdul-Magid Khalil and assistant Defense Minister Fathi Omer Abul-Hassan, Sana said. The agency did not disclose the matters that were discussed.

During the weekend, France sent three units of soldiers to the Central African Republic, on Chad's southern border. Sudan

is on the two countries' eastern borders.

Amidst these developments, it was reported Monday that President Goukouni was expected to arrive in Togo where his country's planned merger with Libya is to be discussed by a gathering of African leaders, informed sources said in Lome. Goukouni will be accompanied by Foreign Minister Ali Abdul-Salam Tureiki, the sources said.

President Siaka Stevens of Sierra Leone, this year's chairman of the Organization of African Unity, has called the OAU summit meeting on Tuesday night.

The OAU chairman and six other heads of state arrived in Lome Monday. They are the presidents of Guinea, the Ivory Coast, Ghana, Nigeria, Cameroun and the Central African Republic.

Senior official said it was unlikely any formal OAU meetings on Chad would begin before the national day celebrations finished on Tuesday night.

Addressing a press conference in Cairo Monday, British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington said Britain and Egypt are profoundly disturbed by Libyan and Chadian merger plans. "Unity between Chad and Libya is a destabilising concern," said the foreign secretary, who began a weeklong visit to Egypt Saturday. "We deeply regret the recent external military intervention (in Chad), which, far from creating stability, has led to instability."

SDF lends Pakistan SR50m

By Shahid Orakzai
Arab News Correspondent

ISLAMABAD, Jan. 13 — The Saudi Development Fund Tuesday committed SR50 million to Pakistan's Muhammad Bin Qasim port near Karachi.

The loan agreement was signed here by Muhammad Al Sugair, Vice Chairman and Managing Director of the fund and Pakistani finance secretary Habibullah Beg.

An official statement said that Saudi Arabia participation in the Port Qasim project, "signifies the continuity of the policy of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia in supporting development projects in Pakistan." Port Qasim is scheduled to be completed in 1985 with an estimated cost of SR 1.65 billion.

The present loan, repayable in 20 years, brings total SDF commitments to Pakistan to SR 629 million.

Earlier, at a meeting with Finance Minister Ghulam Ishaq Khan, Sugair, who is leading a

Reagan's house for sale

LOS ANGELES, Jan. 13 (AFP) — President-elect Ronald Reagan's house at Pacific Palisades, west of here, has been put up for sale at a price of \$1,900,000. He paid \$100,000 in 1956 for this residence, situated on a wooded hill and overlooking the Pacific ocean.

Mobil strikes oil in Gulf of Suez

NEW YORK, Jan. 13 (AP) — Mobil Corp. has announced that an affiliate discovered oil in the Gulf of Suez off the coast of Egypt.

Mobil said the well, drilled 55 meters of water and located 11 kilometers offshore, yielded as much as 2,948 barrels of heavy crude oil and 2.16 million cubic feet of gas daily in tests. The well is about 40 kilometers north of the town of Hurghada, Mobil said. The company said additional tests of the well are planned.

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By heads of state

All summit invitations accepted

RIYADH, Jan. 13 (SPA) — All the heads of state invited by King Khaled to attend the forthcoming Islamic summit conference have accepted the invitation, according to Information Minister Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani.

Dr. Yamani said King Khaled was personally following up preparations for the summit which were organized by a special committee chaired by Defense Minister Prince Sultan. The king will arrive in Taif sometime next week to receive the leaders and attend the conference.

He said the king is determined to make the conference a platform for the restoration of the Islamic way of life for all the states taking part in it. He also hopes that the conference will restore the dignity of the Islamic world.

The acceptance of the invitation by all the leaders reinforces the King's belief that the conference will serve Muslims and their causes and will rise above the petty differences that have divided them because the fundamental objective of the meeting is the

promotion of Islamic solidarity. "He has called on the leaders to wipe out their differences on the strength of their common sharia because only their enemies benefit from their mutual problems," he said.

The king said the assembly of the Muslim heads of state will be the "most magnificent gathering throughout the modern history of Islam and that the opening session will be inside the holy mosque of Mecca, the holiest place in Islam."

It will augur well for Muslims and be of great value and advantage to them while it will have no intention of doing harm to any body, he added. "When the rest of the world gets to know the results of the conference," the king said, "it will realize that the conference was based on virtue."

Dr. Yamani urged Islamic media to shoulder its true responsibilities and contribute to the improvement of inter-Muslim relationships by adopting a mature and moral procedure that will serve the causes concerning Muslims all over the world. He warned

against undermining Islamic relationship through irresponsible and malicious propaganda.

He admitted the weakness of Arab media influence worldwide and said that his ministry will keep trying to expand and improve its impact. "We have a special department for foreign press information at the ministry," he said. "It aims at informing the world about our policies and resolutions and bring the facts to as many people as possible," he added.

He said the government preferred a policy of restraint and reticence with regard to malicious and prejudiced propaganda abroad, but will certainly denounce false allegations if it realized that silence would be more harmful. "We ignore attacks that we find do not merit any attention," he said.

He said the government hoped that the new Reagan administration in the United States will view the problem of the Middle East with greater justice and will exercise its role in the region fully.

National Guard offices mark literacy efforts

JEDDAH, Jan. 13 (SPA) — The National Guard offices in the Western Region organized a ceremony Monday to mark the Arab Day for Eradication of Illiteracy. The ceremony, attended by Prince Khalid ibn Abdullah, national guard deputy commander for the Western Region, was held at the Officers Club.

Western Region Education Director General Dr. Abdullah Al-Zaid and guardsmen in

Umm Al-Silm also attended the ceremony. Awad Abdullah Al-Sharif addressed the audience on behalf of the National Guard Educational and Cultural Department. Sharif spoke about the variety of curricula and programs for the education of adults in the National Guard. He said the National Guard's plan adults in the National Guard. He said the National Guard's plan comes in the frame work of the government's great attention given to adult education.

Sharif said the National Guard has a 20-year plan for adult education which is divided

into several stages. The number of the National Guard literacy schools across the country reached 35. Six schools are located in the Western Region. Intermediate schools also have increased to ten, and two of them are in the Western Region, Sharif added.

Dr. Al-Zaid delivered a statement, on behalf of the Education Directorate, in which he hailed the National Guard's efforts in adult education. The National Guard is a leader among government departments in the eradication of illiteracy and adult education.



AWARDS: Prince Khalid bin Abdullah, the Western Region's deputy commander for the national guard, distributes awards to guardsmen as a result of their efforts in education.

COMMENT

By Saad Al-Rewardi
Al-Jazira

We eat fish and fish eat us. We become a palatable morsel for them if we drop down into the deep, blue waters, but we also don't spare them when they lose hold of their empire!

This, however, is not as new as when someone eats but is not eaten up, or when someone is eaten up before eating anything; or some others who either eat or become the target of others!

The story of fish made me emotional as I read news reports about thousands of Vietnamese fleeing from the inferno of war and remaining months together on fish boats and vessels while facing the tides of the China Sea. They survived on fish as much as they could all through those

arduous months.

They suffered from the almost tragic conditions while sustaining on fish and awaiting salvation, until at last the earth stretched its arms and gave them shelter. But while the fish kept their young and old surviving, they also compensated themselves by thriving on the bodies of thousands of their colleagues whose shipwreck had ominously brought them into the mouths of merciless whales.

They ate fish for their survival, so the fish swallowed them for their own survival. This, in fact, is the well-known tradition of life based on the principle of give-and-take. This tradition is very much in vogue with almost all other creatures whom we do not allow to pass through our observation, or at least pretend to be ignorant about them.



INSPECTION: Dr. Muhammad Abdo Yamani, minister of information, inspects communication preparations at the summit hall in Taif.

BRIEFS

Saudi board meet

RIYADH, Jan. 13 — Prince Sultan, minister of defense and civil aviation, presided over a meeting of the board of Saudia, the national carrier, here Tuesday for a discussion of a number of subjects aimed at developing the airline.

Cultural center opening

RABAT, Jan. 13 — The Crown Prince of Morocco will open a Saudi Arabian Cultural Center Wednesday which will have a large amount of books and an audio-visual section with films and tape recordings.

Tabak development discuss

TABUK, Jan. 13 — The Governor, Prince Abdul Majid ibn Abdul Aziz held, meetings

with ten deputy ministers here about the development of the Tabuk Region. He said he discussed the needs of the people and that the ministries concerned had agreed to provide them.

Plots to be distributed

MEDINA, Jan. 13 — The municipality will distribute 3,700 plots of building land to those who need them free of charge during the next two months, according to Mayor Sadaqa Khajoggi.

Gardens planned

JEDDAH, Jan. 13 — Twenty more gardens and children's play grounds will be built by the municipality here in the south of the city beginning with the Khuzam Palace area and Mecca road, according to municipal officials.

Farsi tours Bahrain

JEDDAH, Jan. 13 — The Mayor Muhammad Saeed Farsi accompanied a team of Bahraini university professors and students on a tour of the city including government offices and recreational facilities. The team will spend a few days in the city.

Gulf states vote to unify welfare laws

ABU DHABI, Jan. 13 (SPA) — The Council of Gulf Labor and Social Affairs Ministers decided Tuesday to start unification of the social welfare organizations' regulations in Arab Gulf States.

The council concluded its third annual session and decided to hold the fourth session in Saudi Arabia next year. Member states in the council were recommended to develop their social services to laborers by improving installations and the administrative departments of labor and social affairs ministries. The council also recommended that research and studies be undertaken in connection to social and labor services to every member state.

The council decided to submit a proposal for establishing a regional Arab Institute to train vocational training instructors for the governments of member states. The governments are called upon to prepare a comprehensive document through the follow-up bureau. The document will be presented at the fourth session meeting.

The council approved organizing three training sessions for experts in charge of designing modern building for social welfare institutions. Bahrain was chosen as a candidate for the Arab-Asian seat in the International Labor Organization's Board for the forthcoming session to be held in June.

Bazaar to be held

JEDDAH, Jan. 13 — The Pakistani Bazaar in aid of the Pakistani school will be held Thursday, Jan. 15. The Bazaar will be held at the Pakistan Embassy (three streets north after the Jeddah Shopping Center). Doors open at 3 p.m. On sale will be spicy food, beautiful clothes, exquisite handicrafts, games for children and lots more. Open only to women and children.

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Ministers approve investment proposal

RIYADH, Jan. 13 — The Council of Ministers approved the Arab Investment Company proposal after hearing a report on it by the Finance and National Economy Minister Sheikh Muhammad Aba Al Khail. It also agreed to renew the Kingdom's agreement with the Food and Agricultural Organization for a period of five years with slight modifications to increase its services to the Kingdom, according to Information Minister Muhammad Abdo Yamani.



THE COUNCIL OF Ministers discussed proposals ranging from an Arab Investment Company agreement to a Food and Agricultural Organization proposal.

nearly SR1 billion. The agreement with FAO will enable the Kingdom to draw on the organization for a larger number of experts and technicians in transferring technology to the agricultural

and water sectors here.

The council also approved a report by the Industry and Electricity Minister Dr. Ghazi Aljosaibi proposing the amalgamation of all the electricity companies in Mecca and

Medina areas into one parent company in line with the government's plans to improve the services to the consumers. The council had done the same thing with the companies of the Central, Eastern and Southern Regions. The government has guaranteed the companies a minimum profit of 15 per cent after it had persuaded them to reduce rates for both residential and industrial consumption.

A proposal to convert the Grain Silos and Flour Mills Organization into a shareholding company was held over for another meeting, Dr. Yamani said. It was proposed by the Commerce Minister, Dr. Solaiman Solaim.

It is government policy to create large organizations, finance and run them profitably and then invite public participation while holding on to a certain portion of the equity to ensure smooth operation.

The council approved the appointment of Dr. Abdul Rahman Al Zamil as deputy minister of commerce; Usama Faqih, assistant deputy minister of finance; Prince Bandar ibn, Abdullah ibn Abdul Rahman, assistant deputy minister for provincial affairs; and Saad Al Othman, member of the national security council.

At Saudi Telephone

Savings result from computerization

By a Staff Writer

JEDDAH, Jan. 13 — The increase in the number of subscriber accounts obviously has been accompanied by an increase in Saudi Telephone revenues. According to a company report, from the first quarter of 1979 to the first quarter of 1980, revenues rose from SR162 million to SR277 million.

The accounts were processed by Saudi Telephone's own computers and prove a good example of not only increased efficiency, but of improved accuracy since 98.6 per cent of the accounts were error free, according to the company's report. The Saudi Service Order System (SASOS), currently nearing completion, is an Arabic computerized method of dealing rapidly and efficiently with customer requests. Among its many other benefits, SASOS eventually will bring about staff reductions for Saudi Telephone, the reports states. As a result, customer transactions clerks, who previously edited services order forms, will be eliminated in the customer records and billing offices, as well as other basic functions such as keypunching have been eliminated.

The most visible area of improvement in Saudi Telephone as a result of computerization is long distance calls, the company report said. International calls completed from the

Kingdom currently averages about 35,000 per day — more than one million per month.

One year ago the figure was 15,300 per day and just two years ago 6,200 calls per day were completed, the report added.

The Saudi Telephone trunks department's introduction of the ITM2 billing computer in late 1978 (1978) has produced two major advantages. First, it has permitted the mechanization of part of the telephone operator's job. Formerly, trunks operators were required to enter the details of each call individually and manually. All the work now is performed automatically, which has reduced the number of operators needed.

Secondly, the introduction of the ITM2 computer has made it possible for subscribers to dial most of their calls themselves — long distance as well as local, and international as well as national. The computer automatically records the details of the call and no operator is required, the company reported. The impact of this innovation is best demonstrated by the statistics of the company's international dialing service. In the fall of 1978, less than two per cent of all international calls were customer dialed; one year ago the figure was 23 per cent; and currently 63 per cent, the report said.

Overall, productivity of the Kingdom's telephone operators has increased 200 per cent or tripled in two years. This is due in part to the introduction of the billing computer and also because of better organization, management and training, according to Saudi Telephone. The company said that if the computerization move and not been made, approximately 4,500 operators would be required to handle the current traffic on the same basis as in 1978. If the company had to hire these operators today, the result would be that bigger buildings would be required as well as a corresponding increase in the number of support staff — from engineers and planners to building maintenance and cleaners.

Prayer Times

Wednesday	Mecca	Medina	Nejd
Fajr	3.36	5.43	5.14
Ishraq	7.01	7.08	6.39
Dhuhr	12.30	12.31	12.02
'Assr	6.00	3.34	3.05
Maghreb	6.00	5.55	4.26
Isha	7.30	7.25	6.56

UPM hosts lecturers, Dobis show

Al Khobar Bureau

AL KHOBAR, Jan. 13 — Visiting UPM Jan. 15-21 are Dr. William Pickering, former director of the UPM Research Institute and member of the UPM Consortium; Dr. Edward Sullivan from Princeton University and Dr. Melvin Fletcher of the Texas A and M University.

Recent guest lecturers at UPM have been Prof. Raymond Reed from Texas A and M University who held seminars for the architectural department, and Prof. B.M. Ruthven of the University of New Brunswick, Canada. Invited by the department of chemical engineering, Prof. Ruthven gave three seminars.

The annual statistical brochure of UPM, entitled 16 years: facts and figures, compiled by Dr. Ibrahim Natto, director of the preparatory programs, has been printed and will be available through the university's public relations department.

On Jan. 18 from 12:30 to 4:00 p.m. there will be a demonstration of Dobis/libis at the UPM central library's open house. Dobis/libis is a computerization of the library's holdings.

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Nozzle	16"	16"
Seawater flowrate coldside	4,298,000 kg/hr	5,527,000 kg/hr
Operating temp. range	36.7/46.0 C +	36.7/46.0 C +
Press. (ABS)	621 kpa	621 kpa
Press. drop	216 kpa	261 kpa
Freshwater flowrate, hot side	4,971,000 kg/hr	6,393,000 kg/hr
Operating temp. range	51.8/43.8 C +	51.8/43.8 C +
Press. (ABS)	394 kpa	394 kpa
Press Drop	218 kpa	216 kpa

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Sadat supports EEC initiative

ASWAN, Egypt, Jan. 13 (Ageocies) — Egyptian President Anwar Sadat has expressed firm support for a European Economic Community (EEC) peace-making role in the Middle East. Talking to reporters Monday night after discussions with the British Foreign Secretary Lord Carrington, Sadat said a European role was "very essential."

It was the strongest public backing Sadat has given to a possible EEC initiative. When it was first raised last year, Egypt appeared cool about the idea and said he was anxious nothing be done to undermine the U.S.-sponsored Egyptian-Israeli peace drive. With the peace process bogged down in arguments over Palestinian autonomy and Egypt await-

Genscher holds talks with Chadli

ALGIERS, Jan. 13 (R) — West German Foreign Minister Hans Dietrich Genscher met President Chadli Benjedid Monday for talks on economic relations between Algeria and West Germany and on international affairs, the Algerian News Agency reported. Genscher, who arrived in Algiers Sunday at the head of a high-level delegation, also met Prime Minister Muhammad Ben Ahmad Abdulghant, Foreign Minister Muhammad Beyahia and the president of the assembly, Rabah Bitat.

ing a clear policy statement on Middle East from the incoming Reagan administration, Cairo has been showing more interest in a future EEC role.

Sadat said he had given his ideas about an initiative to Lord Carrington but neither side disclosed details.

Informed sources said Carrington had been told in other talks during his visit that Egypt was not ready to make any substantive changes in the faltering U.S.-sponsored peace process.

The British foreign secretary has repeatedly stated during his week-long trip that the EEC would not cut across other peace-making efforts. At a press conference Sunday, he reiterated that the EEC would like to see the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO) involved in negotiations. He said the peace process must make progress in 1981.

Meanwhile, Sol Linowitz, the U.S. special negotiator on the Middle East, said in Washington, Monday he expects the Camp David peace process to continue despite a new administration in Washington and the prospect of a new one in Israel. Speaking to the Women's National Democratic Club, Linowitz said despite a slow pace and setbacks "the chances for a just, lasting and comprehensive peace between the Arabs and Israel are still better today than they have been in the past few years."

India seeking 'friendly ties' with Pakistan

NEW DELHI, Jan. 13 (AFP) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has assured Pakistani President Muhammad Zia ul-Haq of India's commitment to respect "Pakistan's national unity, territorial integrity, political independence and sovereign equality." Mrs. Gandhi's views were expressed in a letter delivered to Gen. Zia Saturday. The contents were released here Monday by the Indian spokesman J.N. Dixit.

"Friendly relations between our two countries are important for the well-being of our two peoples... our relations are also a major factor in establishing peace and stability in the region. As such it is a vital responsibility of our two governments," Mrs. Gandhi said in the letter.

"As always, the people and the government of India and I personally stand committed to the promotion of friendship, understanding and cooperation between our two peoples... we are equally committed to respect Pakistan's national unity, territorial integrity, political independence and sovereign equality," Mrs. Gandhi said.

Kissinger meets Hassan

MARRAKESH, Jan. 13 (AFP) — Former U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger conferred at the royal palace here Monday with Morocco's King Hassan II. The two men reportedly discussed the Middle East and particularly the Israel-Arab conflict.



MOVE CAUTIOUSLY: Iranian troops move cautiously through the back alleys of Susangerd, southern Iran recently, during a search for Iraqi snipers.

Press facing restrictions in Turkey

ANKARA, Jan. 13 (AP) — Turkey's generals deny there is censorship here but their latest crackdown on the press shows they clearly will not tolerate reporting on sensitive topics. Plainclothes officers of the Istanbul martial law command walked into the office of Salim Bayar, editor of the nation's longest daily newspaper *Hurriyet*, Sunday and took him off to prison without bringing preliminary charges and without offering a subsequent explanation. Bayar's arrest came just one day after the authorities in Adana, in southern Turkey, imposed a five-day six-province ban on distribution of the leftist daily *Cumhuriyet*. Two months ago, the Istanbul martial law command shut down *Cumhuriyet* for 11 days.

Earlier, immediately after Gen. Kenan Evren and his fellow military leaders took command in the Sept. 12 coup, three radical Istanbul dailies were closed. They were the pro-Moscow *Demokrat*, the pro-Peking *Aydinlik* (illumination), and the far-right *Hergun* (every day).

The authorities have refused to comment on the arrest of the 57-year-old Bayar, but there was speculation that he was taken because of a recent article his newspaper carried on pending price increases for goods produced by the country's state-run enterprises.

There still is no pre-publication censorship in Turkey, but all the newspapers are regularly practicing what they call "auto-censorship." That means they do not publish stories which they feel will anger the military rulers.

BRIEFS

LONDON, (R) — Turkish Deputy Prime Minister Turgut Ozal began talks in London Tuesday with major international banks on rescheduling more than \$3 billion of debts already postponed in 1979, a Turkish embassy spokesman said. Ozal met representatives of 16 banks to discuss restructuring the debts as part of Turkey's struggle to achieve economic recovery, the spokesman said.

TEL AVIV, (AP) — The government Monday night killed a series of opposition motions in parliament to debate Israel's efforts to take over the Arab Electricity Company in Jerusalem. The battle over the power company is a major political issue because Arabs and Israelis alike see it as a symbol of control and influence in the holy city.

KUWAIT, (AFP) — Palestinian security agents have uncovered a spying operation in Beirut for the American CIA and Israeli Mossad intelligence services, the Kuwaiti newspaper *Al Rai Al-Aam* reported Tuesday.

MP murdered in Jerusalem

TEL AVIV, Jan. 13 (R) — Israeli police Tuesday detained a number of bedouin Palestinians in connection with the murder Monday night of a bedouin member of the Knesset (parliament), police sources said. Hamad Abu Rabiya, who represented the bedouin of the Negev in parliament and was associated with the opposition Labor Party, was shot several times as he parked his car outside a west Jerusalem hotel.

He generally stayed at the hotel when the Knesset was in session. The assassination, the first ever of a Knesset member, shocked the bedouin community.

Several hours after the murder, the army

detained two bedouins driving a civilian jeep at a roadblock near Jenin on the occupied West Bank. Several other bedouins from a nearby village were also held for questioning.

Abu Rabiya, who was recently involved in two bitter disputes which split the bedouin community, had told friends he feared for his life. He had a central role in negotiations with the Israeli government over compensation to be paid the bedouins for Negev lands on which Israel is building two military airfields. Abu Rabiya urged the bedouins to accept the government's compensation offers and leave the land for new villages built for them.

Israeli cabinet meeting postponed

TEL AVIV, Jan. 13 (AFP) — The Israeli government has indefinitely postponed a critical meeting set for Tuesday regarding the future of the fragile ruling coalition, in a move to gain time and ensure its survival.

Following the resignation Sunday of Finance Minister Yigael Hurwitz that threatened to bring down the Likud coalition of Prime Minister Menachem Begin, the cabinet Tuesday was to decide whether to call

early elections or attempt to hold on to power. At an emergency session Monday, cabinet members agreed to consult their various political groupings before Tuesday's meeting.

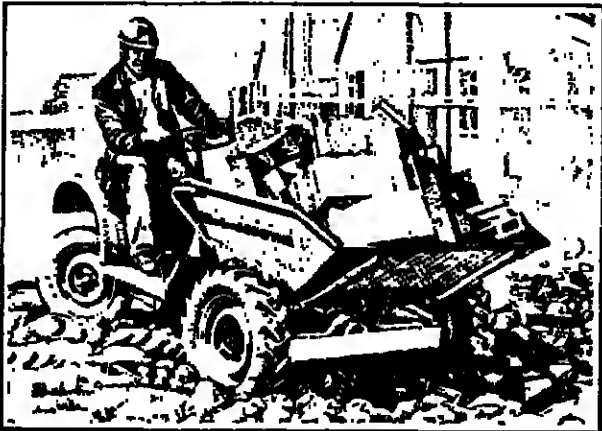
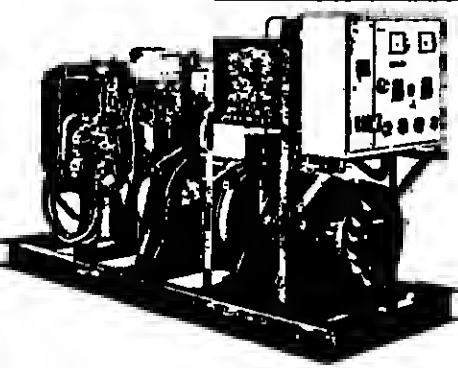
The Likud coalition Tuesday postponed this pre-meeting, however, "following word that funeral services would be held Tuesday for member of parliament Hamad Abu Rabiya, who was gunned down by assailants in Jerusalem Monday night."

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The Organization of the Islamic Conference (Part 7)

Jerusalem Fund helps maintain shrines

By Raana Siddiqi

JERUSALEM, Jan. 13 — Jerusalem is not just another city threatened by the Israeli expansionist strategy: it is where the ancient Arabs built their holy places; it is toward this city that the Muslims first turned in prayer; it is where the third holiest shrine of

Jerusalem and other holy places in Palestine, a special fund was set up at the 7th Islamic Conference of Foreign Ministers held in 1976. The Jerusalem Fund, as it was named, was established with the purpose of thwarting the policy of Judaization of the Holy Jerusalem as well as rendering financial assistance for a number of projects carried out by

Fund with an initial capital of \$100 million. The *Waqf* has been set up with the dual purpose of reinforcing the fund as well as providing a steady source of income. The member states also agreed that the initial capital has to be made up of liquid and movable assets as well as real estate and other immovable assets donated by the OIC member states, corporate bodies, organizations and individual donors.

The *Waqf* is to be administered by a seven-member board of trustees including a permanent member from the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO). The board of trustees will work under the general supervision of the governing body of the Jerusalem Fund and will be located at the General Secretariat of the OIC in Jeddah.

The various projects that have been aided by the Jerusalem Fund since its establishment include housing, schools, hospitals, orphanages and mosques. Those projects involving maintenance of the Arab and Islamic character of the occupied land are given special attention by the fund. High priority projects are those dealing with the renovation and upkeep of the mosques, Islamic centers and Muslim religious and historic sites in Jerusalem, Al Khalil (Hebron) and elsewhere in the occupied territories.

The basis on which the funds are disbursed is that the projects should be of public utility and communal benefit. Individual requests for help are not considered. Although the fund has faced obvious difficulties from time to time in sending financial help across to support projects in the Israeli occupied territories, it has not met any serious hindrance in this connection so far. The obvious reason



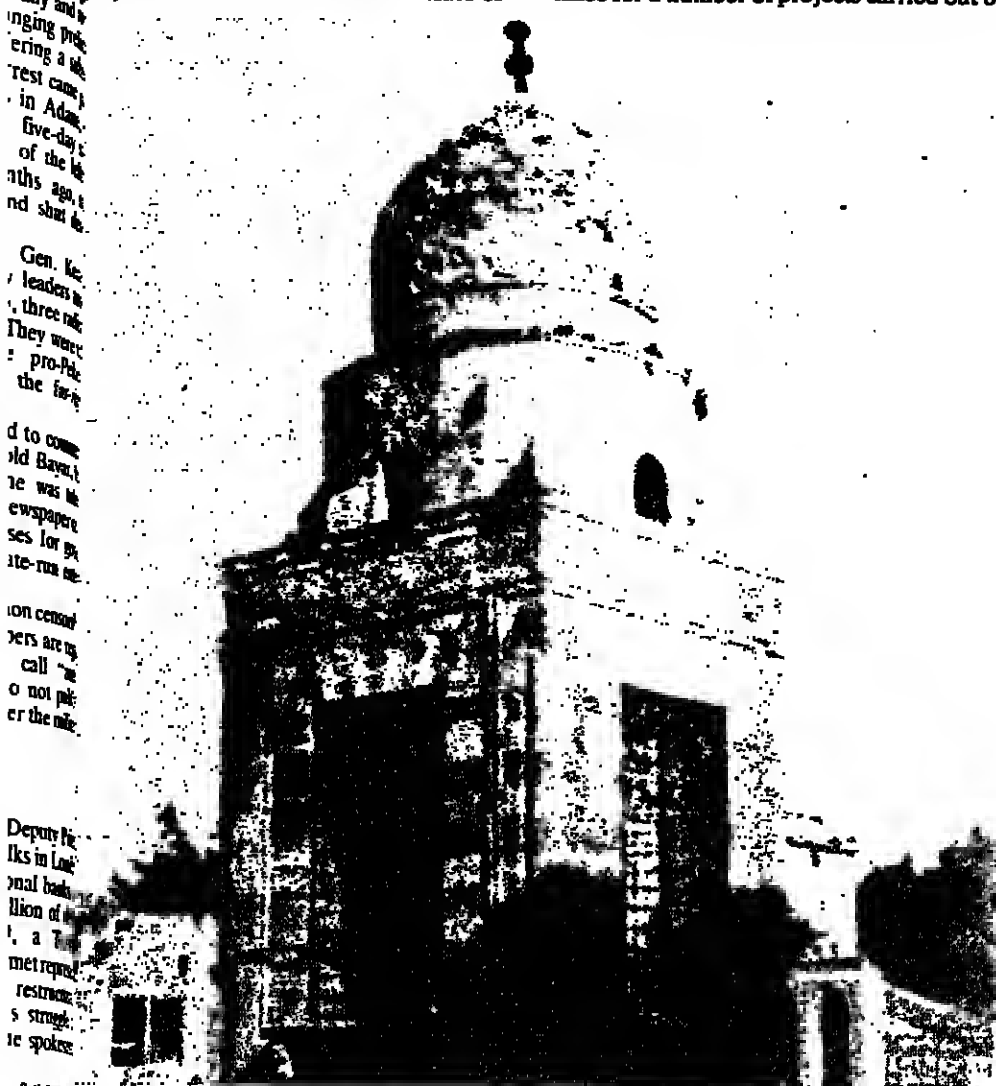
Inside the Dome of the Rock in the Holy Jerusalem

for the fairly smooth transfer of funds is the fact that it only renders assistance to the humanitarian, cultural and religious programs.

The ever-increasing Israeli threats to blemish the Islamic and Arab character of Jerusalem and other occupied land has intensi-

fied the activities of the fund in the past year. There have been several meetings and conferences in various Muslim states to organize a strategy to safeguard the cultural, historical and religious heritage of the Muslims and Arabs in the occupied Palestine. The Jerusalem Fund is the living example

of the practical demonstration of unity and brotherhood of the Muslim people in one of the most important fields — that of an unshakable faith in safeguarding the sanctity of Muslim shrines and preserving the Islamic and Arab character of the forcefully occupied land.



The Well (Al-Sakel) built by Qaitaby, the Mamluk sultan, inside the holy campus.

the Al Aqsa mosque, is situated; and it is in fact, the very reason behind the establishment of the Organization of the Islamic Conference (OIC).

Angered and deeply grieved over the desecration of the Al Aqsa mosque in August, 1969, the first Islamic summit was held in September, 1969, with the main objective of utilizing the powerful factor of unity of faith to liberate Jerusalem and the other territories under Israeli occupation. A decision was thus taken to create a General Secretariat to act as liaison between member states, to follow up the implementation of the decisions taken in connection with Jerusalem and Palestine as well as other matters concerning the Muslims. Jeddah was declared headquarters for the General Secretariat of the OIC pending the liberation of Jerusalem.

The support and assistance to the Palestinian people and a unity of effort to discourage and combat the policy of Judaization and creation of the Holy Jerusalem and other occupied lands has remained; till today, a very essential part of the OIC aims and objectives.

To combat the Israeli policies aimed at the Judaization of the occupied territories and policies to systematically change the religious and historical character of

the Palestinians under Israeli occupation.

The fund is financed mainly by contributions by OIC member states but it also accepts donations from individuals and private organizations. Located within the General Secretariat of the OIC in Jeddah, its five-member governing council meets at periodic intervals to consider the allocation of funds and to review the progress and completion of projects sponsored by it. The Jerusalem committee, a permanent body of the OIC, also meets periodically to oversee the work and operation of the Jerusalem Fund.

With a constant increase in its activities, the amount of money available to the Jerusalem Fund for various projects has also increased progressively and has topped \$20 million last year. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is the major contributor to the Fund and had pledged \$10 million more at the 11th Islamic Conference held in Islamabad. Other member states have also donated wholeheartedly — even those members with financial problems of their own have been urged to make token contributions to demonstrate steadfastness and solidarity on the Jerusalem issue and the Palestinian cause.

It was also decided at the 11th Islamic Conference to set up a *Waqf* of the Jerusalem

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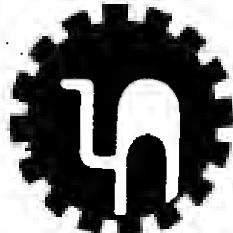
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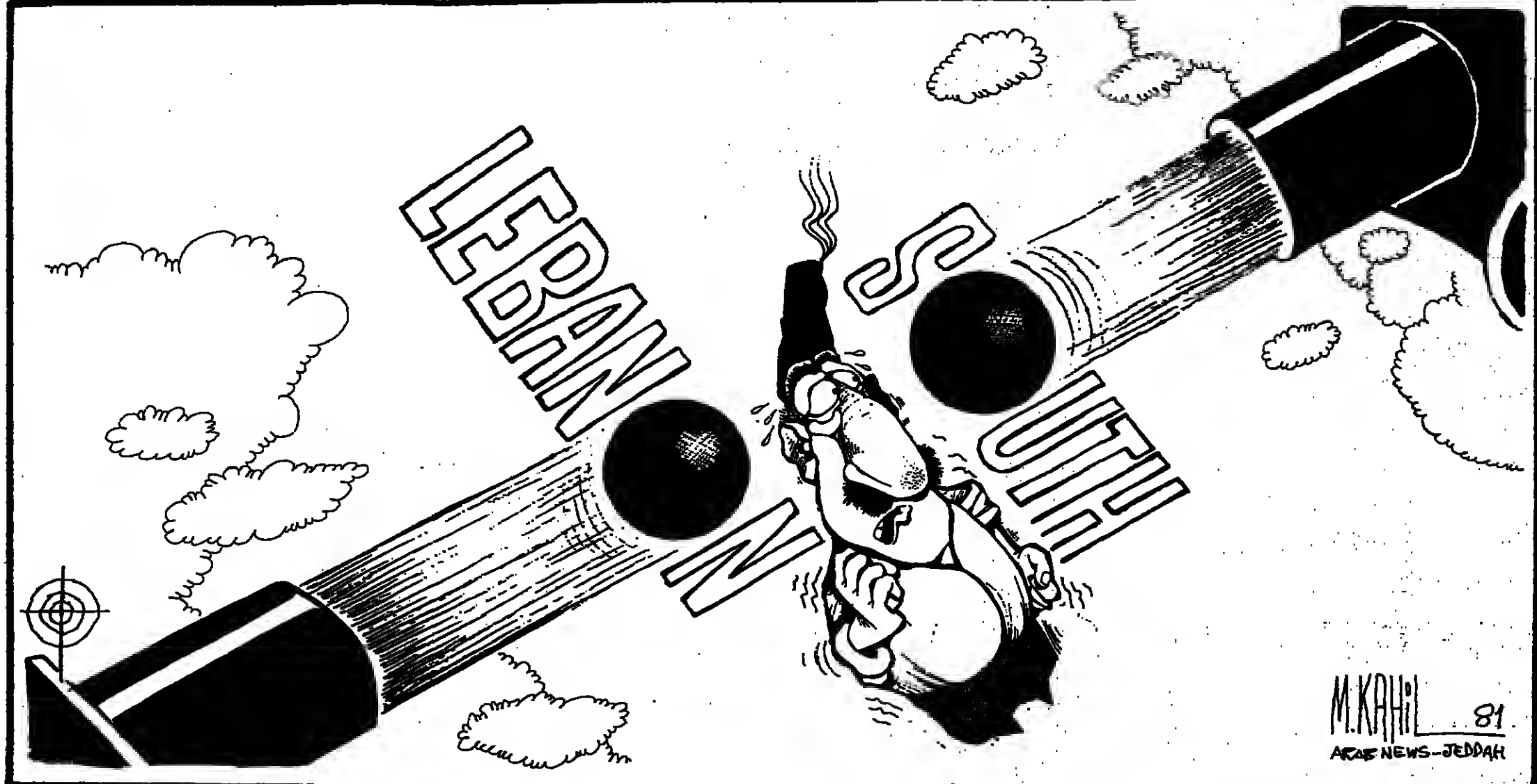
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News articles about Nancy irk Reagan

By Gaylord Shaw

WASHINGTON — President-elect Ronald Reagan, announcing the selection of veteran Republican publicity man James Brady as White House press secretary, used the occasion to protest as "an irate husband" against news articles about his wife, Nancy.

Reagan, in the capital last week for several days of conferences with members of his new administration, stood in sub-freezing temperatures outside Blair House to make the expected announcement that Brady, 40, would serve as his chief spokesman and would have full access to the Oval Office. He also announced that Karna Small, a former California and Washington, D.C., television newscaster, would be deputy White House press secretary.

When a reporter jokingly referred to published accounts that Mrs. Reagan had said she wanted the White House press secretary to be "reasonably good-looking" — a statement Mrs. Reagan has denied making — the president-elect responded with a trace of annoyance: "That question leads to a story that has been written concerning Nancy which was a total invention out of whole cloth, and there have been several more of those, and I am getting to be an irate husband at some of the things I am reading, none of which are true."

Then, with a smile, he added: "And Nancy couldn't be more delighted and thinks he (Brady) is absolutely handsome."

When reporters asked what other stories about Mrs. Reagan annoyed him, he replied, "There are a number of them and I think some of you are aware of them."

The incoming first family was said to be upset about stories that Mrs. Reagan had expressed the wish that President and Mrs. Carter would move across the street to Blair House before Jan. 20 so she could decorate the White House family quarters before inauguration day. Aides said these stories were an incorrect interpretation of Mrs. Reagan's comment that when Reagan's White House tenure is over, she would consider moving out early so the new first family could redecorate before moving in.

Another of Mrs. Reagan's comments — that she kept a "tiny little gun" in the drawer of her bedstand for protection while her husband was away — also has been parodied by cartoonists and columnists.

Brady was the first of Reagan's White House staff or cabinet appointees to be announced personally by the president-elect. All others have been announced by aides, and transition spokesman Larry Speakes said Reagan's decision to disclose Brady's appointment personally "indicates the feeling he had about the importance of the job."

In addition to press secretary, Brady will have the title of assistant to the president.

Elaborating on this, James Baker, Reagan's choice as White House Chief of Staff, said Brady "will meet with the president no less often than once a day. He will have complete access to the president and he will be able to speak for the president."

Baker, referring to reports that duties of the White House press secretary would be diluted or diminished during Reagan's administration, said "There's not going to be any downgrading of the press secretary. The press secretary is going to func-

tion as press secretaries have in the past."

In the new White House staff structure, Brady's "normal reporting channel will be through me," Baker said, adding that "We would hope ultimately" that Brady's arrangement would be similar to that of Jody Powell, the current press secretary who has an exceptionally close relationship to President Carter. "We expect that to be the case," Baker said.

Brady, who has been serving as chief press officer for Reagan's transition office, was a press aide during Reagan's general election campaign after first working for former Texas Gov. John Connally early in the GOP presidential race. He previously had served as an aide to Republican members of Congress, and as a spokesman for the Pentagon and the Office of Management and Budget during the administration of Gerald Ford.

His deputy, Karna Small, is now moderator of a U.S. Chamber of Commerce public affairs forum. From 1976 to 1978 she anchored a nightly television newscast in Washington, and from 1968 to 1976 reported for San Francisco and Los Angeles television stations.

After Reagan announced their appointments, Brady and Small were asked whether they would ever deliberately lie to reporters in the interest of national security.

"No, I don't think that part of the job ... I wouldn't tell you something if it wasn't the truth," Brady replied. "I don't have to answer every question — I can tell you, 'I know and I'm not going to tell you.'"

"I absolutely feel the same way," Small said. (LAT)

Letter to the editor

Dear Sir,

Through the esteemed column of your popular daily the Royal Nepalese Embassy would like to take this opportunity to correct the distorted and misleading impression Sunanda Datta-Ray intends to create in the mind of the people of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia with whom the Kingdom of Nepal enjoys excellent relations. The article headlined "Renewed Political Violence Feared in Nepal" which appeared on Jan. 8, 1981, distorts the role of the monarchy and misrepresents Nepal's foreign policy.

1—For the Nepalese people as with the people of the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia the monarchy has been and continues to be the representative of the organic unity of the people, a symbol of living growth of a socio-political culture pattern of which the constitutional order is but an aspect. In practice, throughout the history of the Kingdom of Nepal there has been no attempt by the kings of Nepal to supersede or suppress the people's urge for change — they have instead supplemented the people's aspirations for change; e.g. in 1950-51 by spearheading the people's struggle for the democratization of the country and in 1979 by decreeing a referendum to ascertain the wishes of the people as to the form of government they wish. In keeping with the wishes of the people the king has recently amended the constitution providing for a national assembly elected on the basis of universal adult franchise and formation of a government on its recommendation and responsible to it. The constitution guarantees the fundamental rights. The king has made it abundantly clear that the changes deemed essential and in the interest of the country and for the well-being of the people can be made in the constitution based on the experience gained through its working.

Democracy is a way of life and for the underdeveloped countries like Nepal is an experiment in a way of life that will have to be slowly but steadily acquired and not blindly imitated. Every nation, every society in a process of change exhibits certain stresses and strains and Nepal is no exception. To take these normal signs as conflict perpetuating a process or a source of unending agitation is a far-fetched imagination. The Nepalese people have great faith in the monarchy and the effectiveness of its leadership in resolving the conflicts in the best interest of the country and its people.

2—The writer's remark regarding the utilization of foreign aid to say the least is malicious, baseless and in bad taste. India, China, U.K., U.S.A., West Germany and Japan among others are major participants in the development efforts of Nepal. The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia has also committed a large amount and Kuwait has provided substantial aid for a hydroelectric project which has tremendous potentialities and is largely untapped in Nepal. All the donor countries are satisfied with the utilization of aid extended which are duly accounted for. Under these circumstances it is painful to find a supposedly well informed writer deliberately indulging in false reporting.

3—Regarding the zone of peace proposal, suffice it to say that it is not an expression of fear of any country in the neighborhood. It is the genuine desire of the Nepalese people to have peace in the country so that programs in developing the country could be fruitfully pursued and it has found concrete expression in the king's declaration that Nepal declared a zone of peace. The proposal has evoked deep interest and many countries have supported it. This has nothing to do with what the writer tries to make out as "Sino-Indian context". For Nepal has complete faith in both of its neighbors and has no reason whatsoever not to trust their commitments to the charter of the United Nations, the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence and the spirit of the nonaligned movement.

The world has long discarded the concept of one country being the buffer for the security of another. The capabilities and the techniques of modern warfare have already rendered it irrelevant and meaningless. The writer has also the Indian experience of 1961-62 to draw upon. The days when wars between countries were fought on ponies and palanquins are over and the writer has performed an amusing piece of intellectual exercise by giving precious thoughts to dead ponies and dismantled palanquins.

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FREEDOM OF ACTION

Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's meeting with the Chinese ambassador in Baghdad — an unusual step for the president who normally sees ambassadors only as they present their credentials when assuming their job — is significant. The Soviet Union, commonly taken to be Iraq's ally, has been acting in such a way since the start of the Gulf war as to emphasize its neutrality. In fact it has done more: It has markedly shifted toward a position nearer to the Iranian one, hoping thereby to capitalize on Iran's present difficulties. It has also allowed North Korea and East Germany to supply Iran with military hardware. The meeting with the Chinese ambassador therefore could be seen as a calculated reminder to the Soviets that the Iraqis have freedom of action, and that they will use it in pursuit of their objectives.

There is no doubt that the Iraqis have, much earlier on, taken into account the probable reaction of the Soviets to their war with Iran. Iraq has very good relations with Western Europe and will be careful to keep them in good repair to counteract the effects of the Soviets reneging on their treaty of friendship and cooperation. The Iraqis have long felt that the ambitions of the Soviets in the Gulf are in the end contrary to the interests of the Arab world, and will therefore have little regret about parting ways with them.

Saudi Arabian Press Review

Newspapers Tuesday continued to base their headlines on the upcoming Islamic summit conference, highlighting King Khalid's concern for it and also the meeting of Islamic Foreign Ministers which is to take place next Saturday. However, *Okaz* said in a lead story that the King and Crown Prince Fahd have received messages from President Jafar Numeiri of Sudan, while *Al-Nadwa* led with the Council of Ministers' approval for the setting up of a unified electricity company for the Western Province.

Al-Riyadh frontpaged the Iranian's hint at the imminent release of the U.S. hostages. In a page one story, *Okaz* reported that Foreign Minister Prince Saud Al-Faisal presided over a meeting Monday, attended by Saudi Arabian ambassadors to Islamic states attending the summit, and informed them about the preparations made for the conference. *Al-Nadwa* gave front-page coverage to a renewed demand of the Ruler of Ras Al-Khaima for the return of the three Arab islands in the Gulf occupied by Iran.

Newspapers mostly commented on the Third Islamic Summit, and expressed their optimism over its successful finale. They reiterated that peace and security of the Islamic nation and the confrontation of Zionist and Communist challenges are part of the nation's responsibility. They highlighted the significance of the holy war and described it as the base for treatment of all Islamic issues, mainly Palestine and Afghanistan.

In an editorial, *Al-Jazirah* noted that not only Mus-

lims, but many other political circles are eager for the Islamic summit which assumes great importance at political and economic levels. It said the issues of Palestine, Jerusalem, Afghanistan and the Iraq-Iran conflict engage the attention of political observers throughout the world.

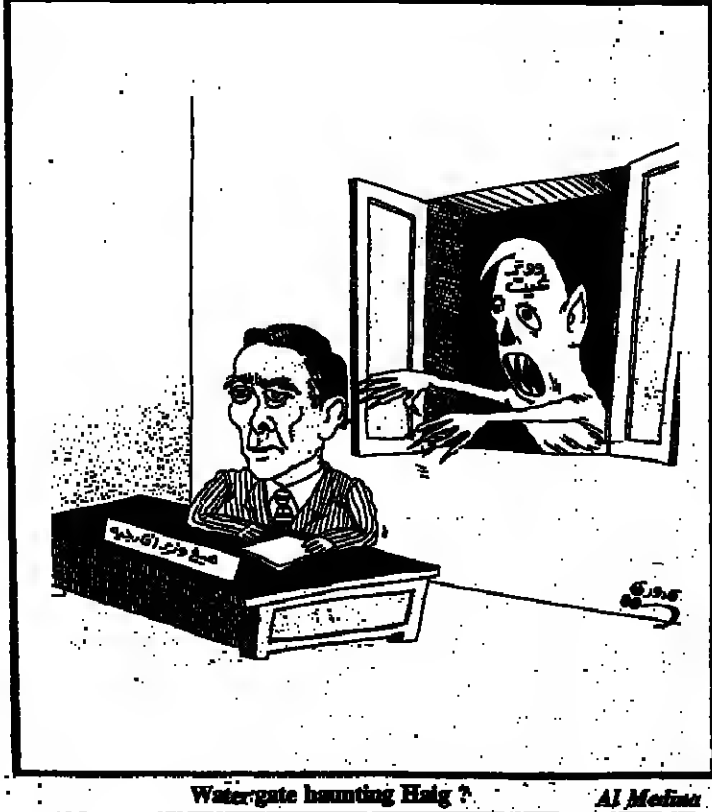
Okaz observed that the meeting of Muslim leaders in Mecca is associated with an historic responsibility toward the issues of the nation. It reiterated that work for the nation's peace and security is the joint responsibility of the Islamic states, which ought to be carried out with a correct understanding of the risks now shrouding the Islamic world. The summit is expected to crystallize the political trend of the Islamic world and to determine the way that would ensure the consolidation of its entity and the failure of all conspiracies being made by the hostile elements.

Al-Riyadh emphasized the significance of the unprecedented response from the Islamic world for the Kingdom's call to meet in a summit conference in Mecca. It said that this favorable response stems from the aspirations of Muslims for the unification of their ranks under the banner of Islam. In a reference to the holy war, the paper said it provides the real base for the treatment of all issues, adding that the Islamic states must concentrate on their solidarity, without which it would be impossible to fulfill the Muslim aspirations. It said further that the world's concern for the Islamic summit highlights the positive role the Islamic world is called upon to play to rescue humanity from the evil forces.

On the same subject, *Al-Madina* said the summit would be held at a crucial stage in the history of the Islamic world, as the enemies of Islam and Muslims are planning delicately to harm Muslim interest everywhere. The paper called upon the Islamic world to disappoint their enemies by eliminating all their rifts so the nation finds itself capable of restoring its past glory. It further hoped that the conference would help in the promotion of Arab-Islamic activity, with a view to providing the Muslims the opportunity to play a tangible role in the uplift of the nation as a whole.

Al-Bilad also appreciated the big response the Kingdom's call for the summit has received from the leaders of Islamic states. It said the world is presently moving in conflicting directions, and so it becomes indispensable for Muslims to become a strong force so they can achieve their objectives and foil all hostile attempts of the Communist and Zionist forces in the world. The paper felt confident that the Islamic summit would give a new spur to the Islamic activity at the international level.

Al-Nadwa wished to see the summit providing a starting point for the realization of Islamic solidarity. But, it said the realization of this aim would necessitate the elimination of bilateral differences, so every Islamic country fortifies itself to give a tough confrontation to the challenges of the anti-Islamic forces in the world. The paper expressed satisfaction with the preparation for the conference which, it said, would exert to create new bases for Islamic solidarity.



Charles' wedding to signal a new style of democracy

By Anthony Holden

LONDON, Jan. 13 (ONS) — Wedding bells at Westminster Abbey: a day of national rejoicing, echoing around the world, at a time of national anarchy. The British monarchy can still weave its old magic.

The formal announcement is yet to be made, but the long-awaited marriage of Prince Charles will soon be setting the pace for the monarchy's progress through the 1980s. In a period of social and economic depression around Britain, a much-needed morale boost should be provided by the public rejuvenation of the Crown.

It may seem strange to the world's republics, but a major royal occasion can still have a galvanizing effect on the United Kingdom. Public response to the present Queen's silver jubilee in 1977 surprised even the Queen herself. In London alone there were more than 10,000 "street parties", each reflecting a community spirit unfelt since the World War II blitz.

In nearly 30 years on the throne, Elizabeth II has grown from a picture-book princess into a mature and worldly-wise sovereign, advancing with grace towards Victorian venerability. Four decades after Edward the

matters. In the first year of her reign, Elizabeth prevented her sister Margaret from marrying a divorced man. In the year after her silver jubilee, she watched with sad resignation as Margaret herself divorced the man she had married instead.

The present royal family has been a conspicuously happy one, in private as in public, providing the kind of symbolic family morality which is perhaps the contemporary monarchy's primary duty. But a generation has passed since the public could coo over Elizabeth and Philip's growing children. All but the youngest of the royal children, Prince Edward, have made their way out into the world.

It is Charles' urgent duty, as he himself is highly aware, to provide a new focus. Apart from offering the popular papers a new generation of royal babies to photograph, he must establish a junior court of the brightest and best of his own contemporaries, offering Britain — as did his mother in the wake of the second World War — a sense of optimism and anticipation at a time when both are in short supply.

It will not be easy for him, Charles' life has included many royal "firsts" — he is the first Prince of Wales to go away to school, to win a university degree, to fly jet planes, command his own ship and make parachute jumps. But he is not by nature an innovator.

Even allowing for the niceties that attend his office, his intimate circle tends to be a disappointing mix of fellow aristocrats and polo players, excluding anyone who might question the royal status quo. His close circle of private staff, all his own appointees, are similarly men with no desire to "modernise" the monarchy — and there is not a woman or a black among them.

Prince Charles could benefit both himself and the nation by becoming a working figurehead in British industry, using his office to promote industrial harmony and win new export orders. At the same time, he and his friends should provide the excitement of a glittering "junior court."

The best hope for the future may thus lie in Charles' undoubted conscientiousness, his devotion to duty, his transparent desire to make the most of the unenviable fate to which he was born. Aware that he will spend many more years as prince than as king — and having reached an understanding with his mother that there will be no talk of her abdication — he is anxious to carve himself a place in history as a productive and popular Prince of Wales.

Having delayed his marriage this long, and enjoyed a varied and much-travelled youth, Charles knows it is time for him to establish his own family life, and a better-defined role in British public affairs. The eighties cannot be spent continuing to tread water. If a new era, a new style of monarchy is to begin, it could not hope for a more auspicious launching than this, the first wedding a Prince of Wales seen in London since 1863. It is an opportunity not to be missed.



SOUTH POLE HEROES: Members of Britain's Transglobe expedition, Charles Burton (foreground) and Oliver Shepard, check their position near Rylingen mountain on their way to the South Pole. Later, the team, led by Sir Ranulph Twissleton-Wykeham-Fiennes, successfully reached the Pole after crossing nearly 1,000 miles of unexplored terrain on the ice-barren continent. In just 47 days. The team is the second British party to reach the South Pole since Captain Scott's ill-starred journey in 1912. Sir Vivian Fuchs reached it in 1958.

In Communist China

Student ferment worries officials

By Michael Parks

PEKING (LAT) — A new wave of student activism is developing on China's college campuses, testing the limits of the regime's commitment to greater democracy.

Municipality elections are giving students a political forum not just to debate immediate electoral issues but to raise broader questions such as the workability of socialism, the responsibility of Chairman Mao Tse-Tung for the Cultural Revolution and current controls on dissent.

Some student candidates for seats in the local people's congresses have campaigned on avowedly non-Marxist platforms here, in Shanghai and in several provincial capitals. Although only two or three appeared to have survived the primary elections they succeeded in stretching the limits for political debate.

Winning candidates have included a number who openly criticized not only the local administrations, legitimate targets in municipal elections, but also current Communist Party and national government policies.

Attempts by Chinese authorities to restrict the elections, either limiting the debates or dictating the winners, have brought sharp

protests from the students. In Changsha, the capital of Hunan province, students marched on the party headquarters and went on a hunger strike in a rare demonstration to protest what they saw as government interference in a campus election there. Students from two other provincial colleges sent delegations to Peking with similar complaints.

As uncomfortable as the regime must feel about the often harsh criticism, the students' active participation in the elections, the first since before the Cultural Revolution of the late 1960s, represents a success for the party's strategy of involving them in a broadened political system, rather than forcing them into a dissident underground. Many of the candidates, particularly at the universities here, in Shanghai and in Canton, also were involved deeply in the democratic movement for political and economic reforms before it was curtailed last year.

The elections are to give the students representation in the local people's congress, new legislative bodies which are being established in China's cities and rural counties as one of the political reforms meant to increase democracy. The elections have engendered so much enthusiasm that as many as 10 and 15 candidates have campaigned for each seat,

and the field has been narrowed through primaries.

The students have bluntly told the administration of Peking University, for example, that the entire curriculum should be overhauled, that rigid course requirements should be relaxed, that professors should be returned to classrooms from research and office work and that teaching methods should be modernized.

In China, campus politics lead immediately to the broader political scene because the issues involved, particularly educational reform, transcend the schools and touch more basic questions such as the prospects for the country's modernization.

This is a tradition that goes back to the Fourth of May movement in 1919, a student protest that played a role in founding the Chinese Communist Party, to student movements against the Japanese occupation in 1935 and against the Nationalist Government in 1945 and, although it is not mentioned today, to the start of the Cultural Revolution in 1966.

For that reason, student activism makes many officials nervous, and the number of outspoken candidates criticizing party and opposition platforms led authorities in several cities to try to limit the campaigning.

Progress in U.S.-Algerian ties evident

By John Demis

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (LAT) — A bright spot in the frustrating and often exasperating efforts by the Carter administration to conclude the hostage crisis has been Algeria's role as an intermediary.

The team of three Algerians that was shuttled between Washington, Algiers and Tehran for the past two months has distinguished itself by its professional performance. The three, the Algerian ambassadors to Washington and Tehran plus the director of the Algerian Central Bank, were characterized last week by Secretary of State Edmund S. Muskie as "positive intermediaries."

The prominence of Algerian diplomacy in the hostage crisis has been only one of several factors contributing to a general improvement in U.S.-Algerian relations. This development dates from February 1979, when Chadli Benjedid assumed power following the death of Houari Boumedienne, whose regime held power in Algeria from 1965 to 1978.

Algeria's constructive role during the hostage crisis is a far cry from the militancy of the Boumedienne era. Under the Boumedienne regime, Algeria's efforts to lead a radical Third World coalition peaked during the mid-1970s. Drawing on its own widely recognized revolutionary credentials, Algeria used its leadership of the nonaligned movement from 1973 to 1976 to push hard on "anti-imperialist" and North-South issues — especially the sponsorship of a "new international economic order."

During the last two years, the pattern of Algerian foreign policy under President Benjedid has differed in both tone and flexibility from the doctrinaire militancy of the Boumedienne era. Relations have improved with the United States and France and with moderate Arab countries.

The Benjedid regime was unhappy about the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan. Although Algerian media continue to criticize U.S. policy and to disagree with America over sales of liquefied natural gas, recent progress is evident in improving U.S.-Algerian ties in the economic, educational and military spheres.

What does the Algerian leadership hope to gain from its intermediary role in the hostage crisis and its other moves toward improved relations with America? In the light of Algeria's displeasure over the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan, there is reason to accept the French view that these Algerian moves represent a shrewd effort to draw closer to the United States without alienating the Soviet Union.

While the Benjedid regime shows interest in improving relations with the United States, it has not completely broken with Algeria's revolutionary past.



The Prince of Wales in Royal Air Force uniform

Eight's abdication threatened the monarchy's very existence, she has re-established the institution as a potent and secure force in British and Commonwealth life.

This achievement is due in part to her shrewd sense of public relations, with which she has gingerly eased the monarchy closer to its people, while preserving the essential, almost mystical, gulf between the two.

The monarchy has also learnt to take note of social changes, though it conspicuously reserves the right to take its time about such

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Burma initiative on Kampuchea

Zhao due to visit Thailand Jan. 30

BANGKOK, Jan. 13 (AP) — Chinese Premier Zhao Ziyang will pay an official visit to Thailand starting Jan. 30, in the latest round in a flurry of regional diplomacy, Thai Foreign Ministry sources said Tuesday. The sources added that Zhao would arrive after a four-day visit to Burma, his first to that country since assuming his present post last year. Both visits had been announced previously, but dates had not been formalized. Official announcement of the visit is due shortly, the informants said. Zhao is to arrive hard on the heels of what analysts believe may be a Burmese initiative to mediate in the dispute over Vietnamese-occupied, war-torn Kampuchea.

The Thai Foreign Ministry Monday announced that Burmese Foreign Minister U Lay Maung would pay a two-part visit to Thailand beginning Jan. 19, interspersed with a visit to Hanoi. Diplomatic sources have said U Lay Maung is trying to bring about another

meeting between Thai Foreign Minister Sithai Sawetasil and his Vietnamese counterpart Nguyen Co Thacy.

Thailand and Vietnam are at odds over Kampuchea, which has traditionally served as a neutral buffer between them. Up to 60,000 of Vietnam's 200,000 occupation troops are believed to be massed on Kampuchea's western border with Thailand.

The Foreign Ministry, here, however, has played down the possible role of Burma as a mediator, referring to U Lay Maung's visit in purely bilateral terms. But Burma is considered the best placed nation to play a role in reducing regional tensions because of its well-established policy of strict neutrality and non-alignment. Rangoon has not recognized the Vietnam-installed Phnom Penh regime of Meng Samrin, but has also shown increasing unwillingness to back the Khmer Rouge, which retains Kampuchea's U.N. seat.

Nixon can stop Senate from getting Haig tapes

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP) — Senators, conducting hearings on Alexander M. Haig Jr.'s nomination as secretary of state, say Richard M. Nixon alone can keep them from getting tape transcripts to investigate Haig's role in Nixon's White House.

"The ball is in his court now," Senator Charles Percy of Illinois said Monday. "He must be answerable for his decision." Percy is Chairman of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, which called Haig back for a fourth day of confirmation hearings Tuesday.

Hormone to treat dwarfism ready

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 13 (R) — The U.S. has approved tests of a synthetic hormone on humans which may be used eventually to treat dwarfism. The Genentech company said Monday that the first phase of the tests began at the Stanford University School of Medicine after the trials were approved by the Food and Drug Administration.

Further tests of the hormone, called "HGH," would begin next month in London's great Ormond Street Hospital for sick children, the company said. Nearly 500,000 children in U.S. suffer from various growth problems.

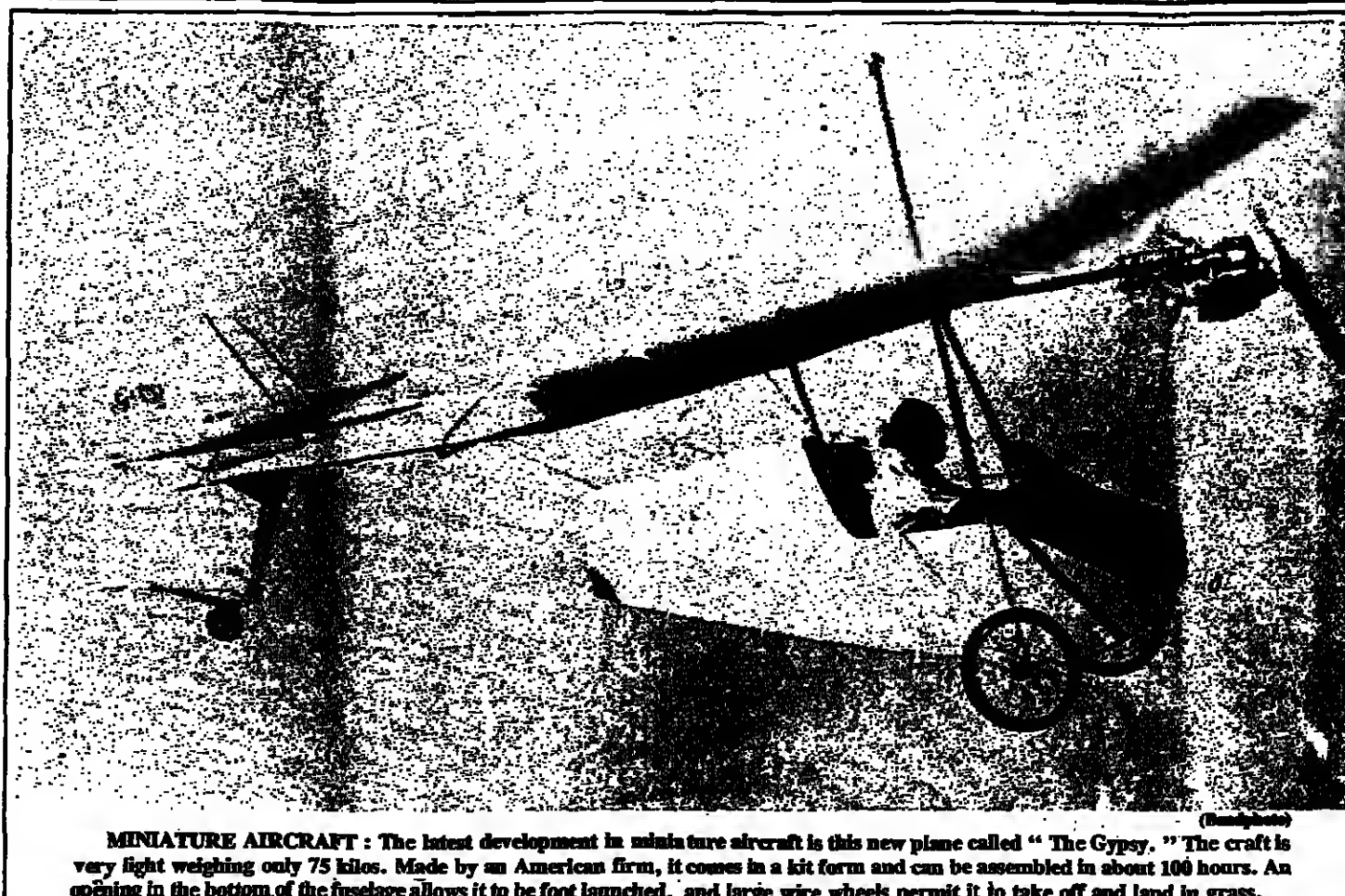
on his nomination by President-elect Ronald Reagan.

Archivist Robert M. Warner also agreed during hearings Monday when Senator Paul Tsongas of Massachusetts asked whether "one person stands in the way of this committee having this information and that person is Richard Nixon?"

"Well, there are the regulations," the archivist replied. "But that really is the heart of the matter."

He was referring to regulations that give the former president five days to decide whether to object to the committee's subpoena for logs describing 100 hours of taped conversations between Haig and Nixon in mid-1973. If Nixon objects and the archivist rejects his objection, Nixon has an additional five days to file suit to block delivery of the logs.

The archivist told the committee he had asked Nixon to waive legal time limits so the subpoenaed material, sought by the panel, can be released at once. He said the law requires that he not release any tapes or supporting documents without giving the former President at least five days to respond. Earlier Percy has issued a subpoena Sunday night for the logs and indexes to the tape recordings made in the spring and summer of 1973. At that time the Watergate scandal was engulfing Nixon's presidency.



MINIATURE AIRCRAFT: The latest development in miniature aircraft is this new plane called "The Gypsy." The craft is very light weighing only 75 kilos. Made by an American firm, it comes in a kit form and can be assembled in about 100 hours. An opening in the bottom of the fuselage allows it to be foot launched, and large wire wheels permit it to take off and land in grass.

U.S. Congressmen meet Mrs. Gandhi

India seeks fresh start in relations

NEW DELHI, Jan. 13 (AP) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi has told visiting American Congressmen she would like to see a fresh start in what have sometimes been difficult relations between the United States and India. Mrs. Gandhi told Monday the 16 members of the House of Representatives she hoped "there could be a new beginning in mutual understanding, friendship and cooperation between the U.S. and India, especially toward ensuring peace and stability in the Asian region," government spokesman

J.N. Dixit told reporters.

The prime minister and the Congressmen, most of them members of the Armed Services Committee, agreed during an hour-long meeting that both the U.S. and the Soviet Union should reduce their military presence in the Indian Ocean "with a view to reducing tension," Dixit said. But delegation leader Melvin Price, Democrat-Illinois, later indicated in an interview that the American presence in the Indian Ocean was not likely to change much in the coming months.

Desai charge disputed

NEW DELHI, Jan. 13 (AP) — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi Tuesday disputed statements by her predecessor, Morarji Desai, who has said that Soviet leaders wanted him to attack Pakistan during his 1977-79 administration.

Mrs. Gandhi has "no knowledge" of any Soviet advice that Desai should "teach a lesson to Pakistan," the United News of India quoted her as telling reporters in Nagpur, western India. Nobody would "dare" to give her such advice, Mrs. Gandhi added. She said that Soviet leaders had "appreciated" India's

efforts to improve relations with Pakistan, a traditional subcontinent rival.

The Prime Minister, who is on a visit to Maharashtra state, was accompanied by her elder son Rajiv, 37, a commercial pilot with Indira Airlines, the government-owned domestic airline. Leaders of the ruling Congress Party have urged Rajiv to step into the shoes of his controversial and politically powerful younger brother Sanjay, who died in a stunt plane crash last June. "I am not a political man," Rajiv said at Nagpur when asked if he was preparing to enter politics.

The U.S. has maintained a task force in the Indian Ocean since the seizure of American hostages in Iran in Nov. 1979. The force was increased after the Soviet military intervention in Afghanistan the following month, when President Carter pledged that America would counter any Soviet effort to gain control of the Gulf and its oil.

The Pentagon says there are currently 32 American naval vessels in the Indian Ocean and adjoining Arabian Sea — 18 of them warships. The Soviets have 30 naval vessels in the region, according to the Pentagon.

India and the Soviet Union signed a 20-year friendship and cooperation treaty in 1971 and have enjoyed generally close relations. Indo-American relations have fluctuated, with strains developing over American military aid to Pakistan, India's age-old foe, and India's explosion of an atomic device in 1974.

Price was asked about India's recently expressed fears that the incoming administration of President-elect Ronald Reagan would "tilt" toward Pakistan. "They may give some assistance to Pakistan, but I don't think that India would suffer because of it," Price responded.

U.S. firm to market blood test

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP) — A blood test, devised at Pennsylvania State University to detect a range of cancers, will be developed commercially by a major pharmaceutical company, it was announced.

The Warner-Lambert Co., of Morris Plains, New Jersey, said Monday it would continue research on the test in hopes of selling it to hospitals.

Thorn Kuhl, a company spokesman, said it was too early to say when the test might be available. If further study proves the test to be useful, the Food and Drug Administration would have to approve it before marketing. The test was developed by Dr. Eugene A. Dasally D. Bolmer.

They discovered that a glycoprotein substance in the body apparently is altered when cancer cells are present. They isolated the glycoprotein and developed a test to quantify it in the blood. The test is similar to others already available to detect cancer indirectly by spotting markers in the blood.

However, the other tests monitor only one class of malignancy while the new one spots a broad spectrum of cancers, the researchers say.

Warner-Lambert hopes to develop a test that could be used in hospital. Chemicals could be added to a sample of blood from a patient that would help determine the amount of altered glycoprotein present.

The proportion of altered glycoprotein would determine if cancer was present or absent. Early laboratory studies indicate that the test has 96 per cent accuracy rate.

Chiang flays Peking rumors

TAIPEI, Jan. 13 (AP) — President Chiang Ching-kuo of Republic of China has attacked Chinese Communists for "spreading rumors about Taiwan independence" and Taiwan's alleged attempts to use the Soviet Union to hamper the Peking regime. Addressing a military conference Monday, President Chiang said that there was practically no problem of Taiwan independence.

Such problem as did exist was created by the Chinese Communists who were using a handful of ignorant and ambitious men in a bid to undermine Taiwan's relations with other countries. "It is also designed to alienate us from each other and cause sabotage in the names of freedom and democracy, a sort of hitting two birds with one stone," the nationalist President was quoted as saying by the Broadcasting Corporation of China.

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Chaos in El Salvador

Leftists call for general strike

SAN SALVADOR, Jan. 13 (AFP) — The Salvadoran leftist opposition called for an open-ended general strike, beginning Tuesday, to support the general offensive unleashed by guerrillas last weekend. The political and military wings of the opposition have claimed victories all over the country, while the government insisted that it had the military situation well in hand — but admitted that insurgent activity was on the rise and what the rebels had seized some towns.

The guerrillas also claimed to hold Chalatenango, Cinquera, San Esteban Catarina, Santa Clara, Suchitoto and Metapán.

According to the government, the rebels occupied these towns briefly and were then driven off by the army. Officials said more than 460 dead in the first 48 hours of the offensive, but observers believe the death toll could easily be twice or three times the figure.

The opposition was pinning much of its hopes of toppling the junta on the general strike which they said would start Tuesday and continue "until the fall of the military-Christian-dictatorship."

Claims of foreign intervention flew thick and fast. President Napoleon Duarte accused

China and the Soviet Union of involvement in the crisis, while the opposition spoke of a "real threat" that troops would march in from neighboring Honduras and Guatemala.

Insurgents earlier claimed that Honduran fighter planes bombed Salvadoran border villages and that other foreign forces were preparing to attack Chalatenango and other targets.

The junta imposed a 7 p.m. to 5 a.m. curfew and martial law throughout the country, making people liable for trial by military tribunals. Anyone on the streets during the curfew can be shot.

Guarantees of individual rights have been suspended since March 6, 1980, when the government imposed a state-siege, giving authorities wide powers.

The Farabundo Martí National Liberation Front, which includes five of the six guerrilla groups, launched attacks in the cities and towns Sunday.

Leftist leaders called it a "final offensive" to overthrow the junta and set up a marxist government before U.S. President-elect Ronald Reagan is sworn in Jan. 20. The leaders say they fear Reagan's administration will help the junta to further crackdown on leftist forces.

The junta, now made up of three civilians and an army colonel, has been in power since Oct. 15, 1979, when Gen. Carlos Humberto Romero's conservative government was overthrown in a military coup.

More than 5,000 Salvadorans, mostly peasants, fled in the past two days from border areas into neighboring Honduras to escape the fighting, a Honduran immigration spokesman said.

He said some of them walked for more than 30 hours without food or water to cross the border. At least 25,000 Salvadorans have fled to Honduras in the last 10 months and most of them live in refugee camps. The junta has been unable to quell the growing struggle for power between the leftists and rightists strongly allied with the military. The violence claimed more than 9,000 lives last year.

But Duarte, in a morale-boosting tour for his troops, has visited army headquarters in Santa Ana, Chalatenango and Zacatecoluca, confirming official reports that the guerrillas have been repelled in these towns.



NEWSMEN HURT: John Hoogland, a Newsweek photographer, talks with a Mexican TV correspondent before leaving hospital in San Salvador Monday. He was one of the three journalists injured when a land mine exploded beneath their car.

South Korean surprise

Invitation presents dilemma to Kim

SEOUL, Jan. 13 (AFP) — There was no indication as yet Tuesday from North Korea to the invitation extended to President Kim Il-sung by South Korean President Chun Doo-hwan in a nationwide radio and television broadcast Monday.

The big question here was whether or not President Kim will accept the invitation and then ask the South Korean chief of state to visit Pyongyang, as Chun proposed. It was pointed out that the invitation was made at a time when North Korea had flatly refused to deal with President Chun's government while at the same time calling for popular overthrow of what it termed as the military fascist group now in power in Seoul.

North Korea was also said to be preparing a vigorous political campaign of discrediting Chun's rule as the presidential and parliamentary elections approached in South Korea after a year of political turmoil.

Diplomatic circles commented that the South Korean leader demonstrated he was in full control of the situation here politically and socially, by challenging his North Korean rival to visit any part of South Korea to see for himself whether South Korea really was a living hell as North Korea's propaganda

described.

Chun would not have dared issue such an invitation if political and social unrest persisted here in the aftermath of a bloody anti-government revolt in the southern city of Kwangju last May, one western diplomat commented. The open invitation was only possible because South Korea now enjoyed superiority in all fields over North Korea, he added.

South Korea's per capita gross national product is now twice that of North Korea (\$

750), while its foreign trade volume was ten times bigger than North Korea's (\$3,300 million), it was pointed out. Officials in Seoul expressed the conviction that the danger of war on the Korean peninsula would diminish, if not disappear if the leaders of both sides exchanged visits and restored mutual trust which has been lacking for three decades.

A Seoul newspaper said Tuesday the invitation presented the North Korean President with a dilemma, while Korea Times doubted President Kim would come to Seoul.

Nigeria to update defense forces

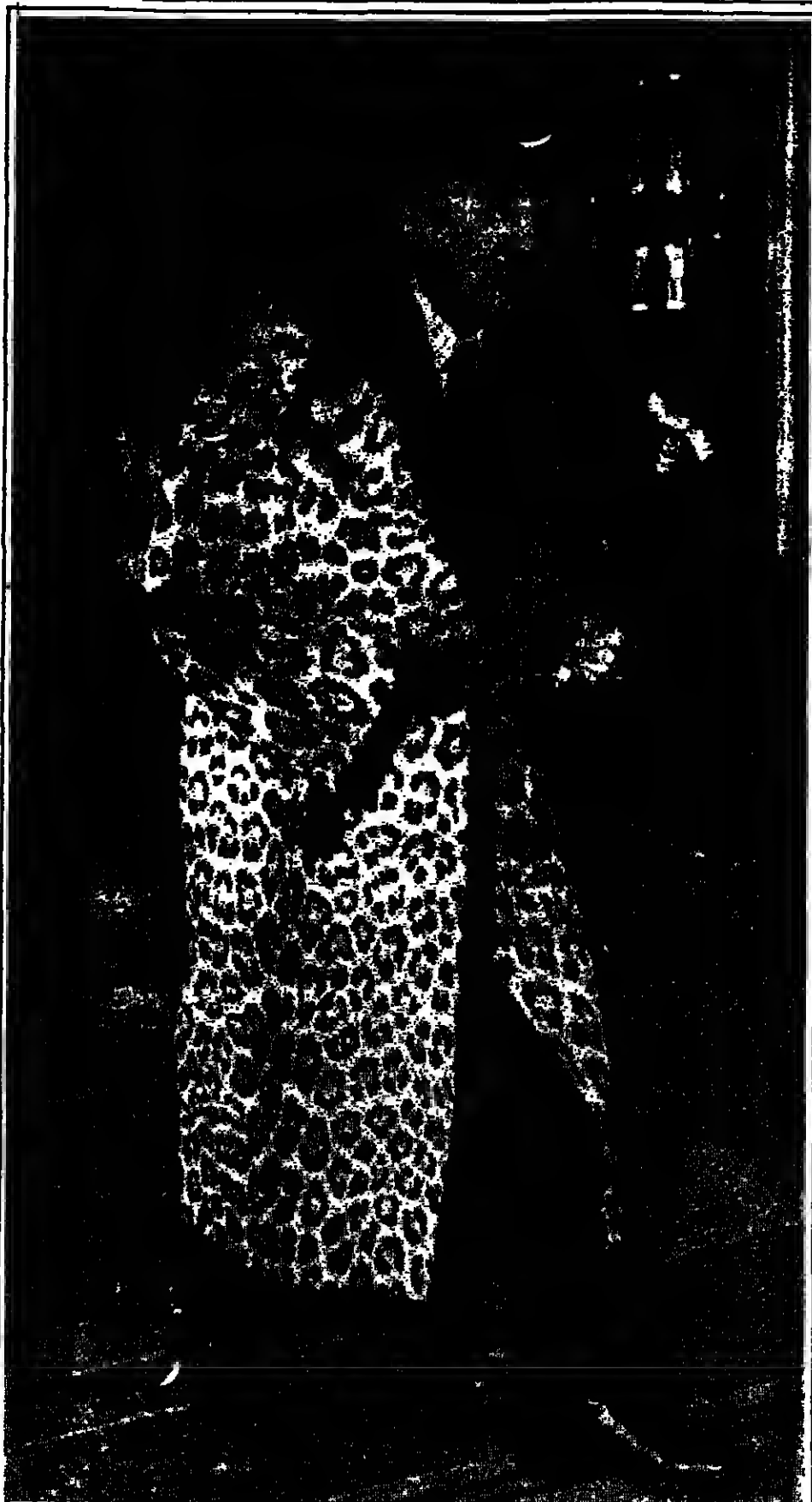
LAGOS, Jan. 13 (R) — Nigeria, Africa's most populous country, plans to earmark "considerable resources" for modernizing defense and security in the next five years, President Shehu Shagari has said. "It is clear that Nigeria is being forced by certain recent world events to reassess its security and defense preparedness," the President told the National Assembly Monday.

He was apparently referring to Libya's plans for a merger with Chad, which he condemned. Chad borders Nigeria. Shagari also said that Nigeria might acquire nuclear

defenses if South Africa gets nuclear weapons. But his speech Monday, unveiling the 1981-85 fourth national development plan, gave no details of the proposed armed forces modernization.

A total of 3.9 billion naira (\$7.2 billion) was allocated to defense and security projects out of the total investment of 82 billion naira (\$151 billion) during the plan period.

The plan included reducing Nigeria's dependence on foreign weapons and increasing the size of the police force by 150 per cent.



DRAWN AND AGING: Salvador Dali, 70-year-old Spanish surrealist painter, stage designer and writer, who is convalescing in Paris, looks drawn and aging from his continuing illness.

Police identify near-perfect Paris murder

PARIS, Jan. 13 (AFP) — French police Tuesday identified the dismembered female body left in the Medical Faculty morgue here over the Christmas holiday — the first step in solving a near-perfect murder. The victim was Carole Simon, a tall, attractive 19-year-old blonde student in a private academy whose studio-flat was almost next door to the Medical Faculty.

Her parents saw her last on Dec. 23, dressed in a black leather jacket and blue jeans. Police believe that she was murdered the same night. The murderer almost committed the perfect crime.

It is almost certain that she was killed on the premises of the Medical Faculty. Her body was then dismembered with a surgical knife, the torso and limbs wrapped in plastic, and then placed in the morgue of the anatomy section along with 12 other bodies awaiting dissection. These were scheduled to be used by medical students.

Trudeau scheduled to arrive in Brazil

BRAZIL, Jan. 13 (AFP) — Canadian Premier Trudeau is scheduled to arrive here Tuesday as part of his attempt to launch the north-south dialogue. He is the first Canadian prime minister to visit Brazil. Canada's ambassador Ronald Stuart MacLean said "we are all in the same boat and the boat is rocking. There are storms."

He added that there had been "a growing awareness in the last 12 months that it cannot go on like this...if the north does not prosper, the south will not."

Noting that Canada depended heavily on raw material exports, he added: "we are too vulnerable. It's easier for us to understand the problems of African coffee producers because we are affected as well."

India offers bonds for unaccounted money

NEW DELHI, Jan. 13 (AP) — In a move designed to raise capital funds, Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi's government has issued an ordinance offering an interest-bearing certificate scheme "to persons who have unaccounted money."

The government said Monday people who invest black money in the special bearer bonds will enjoy complete immunity from being questioned about the source of their invested wealth.

"The mere fact of being in possession of the bonds will not make the person liable to tax, penalty or prosecution under the direct tax laws," it said. Each 10-year special bearer bond will cost \$1,250 and carry an interest of 20 per cent. Indians abroad will be able to subscribe to the certificates only in foreign exchange.

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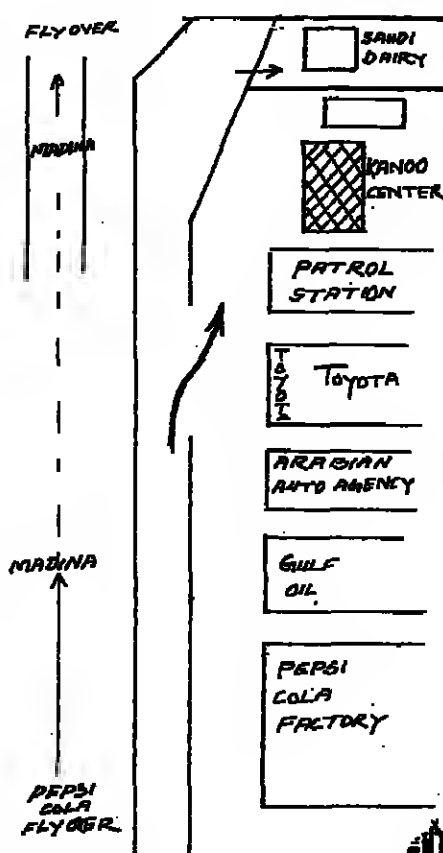
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U.K. seamen strike hits ferry services

LONDON, Jan. 13 (AP) — British seamen have announced that their campaign of "guerrilla stoppages" would move to a new target, as the government announced its neutrality in the dispute.

Britain's 26,000 seamen said Monday they would move their pay dispute at midnight Tuesday to the ferry services at Portsmouth, Weymouth and Southampton.

The first targets for its announced series of 24-hour stoppages, which began at midnight Sunday, were Liverpool and the Dover-Folkestone complex in southeast England.

Liverpool in northwest England and the Dover-Folkestone complex in the English Channel are two of the country's biggest ferry centers while Dover is also one of Britain's biggest ports.

The National Union of Seamen (NUS) said after Monday's action that 16 ferries had been halted in Liverpool and a total of 28 in the adjacent ports of Dover and Folkestone.

With other ships held in Glasgow, South

Shields, Belfast, Aberdeen, Stranraer and elsewhere, the union claimed a total of 107 British ships held in British ports Monday. "Things are going very well. Virtually every ship under a British flag is tied up," said Jim Poulson, a member of the union executive.

But the General Council of British Shipping, representing employers, disputed the union's figures, saying only about 40 ships were held up Monday in British ports.

Cost of the dispute so far in lost trade has been estimated at £250,000 a day.

The Union wants a 16 per cent increase in weekly base rates and higher overtime pay, an overall increase of around 19.5 per cent.

Shipping Minister Reginald Eyre told parliament, "It is for the parties involved to decide how best to resolve the dispute."

He said it was "too early" to say what the consequences of the strike would be. There are fears the strike could escalate into a full-scale nationwide shutdown and cripple Britain's financially troubled merchant fleet.

Iran's oil exports may touch pre-war levels

LONDON, Jan. 13 (R) — Despite continued fighting with Iraq, Iran appears to have succeeded in boosting its oil exports to levels reached just before the Gulf war broke out, Western oil industry sources have said.

They said Monday that Iran's target was to export 900,000 to one million barrels per day (BPD) during the present January-March quarter and that it appeared this was being achieved.

The sources said tankers were venturing up the Gulf to load at Iran's Kharg Island offshore terminal, which was hit by Iraqi planes soon after the Gulf war began late in September. The damage appeared to have been light, the sources added.

London oil analysts said exports of one million BPD could earn Iran about \$1 billion a month, providing funds needed to keep up its war effort.

But they added it was difficult to be sure of Iranian oil prices and said the oil earnings could be somewhat lower.

Oil traders in London said they had heard of Iran offering oil at a discount of \$7 a barrel

to official rates of \$35 a barrel, to offset shippers' increased insurance costs on tankers going to Kharg Island.

Iraqi crude oil exports remain far below the three million barrels per day (BPD) maintained before the Gulf war, according to industry sources.

They say Iraq's two offshore terminals in the Gulf are badly damaged, meaning that two pipelines to the Mediterranean, across Syria and Turkey, are the only present outlets for its oil.

Diplomats have said pumping stopped during much of December after Iranian air raids on the Kirkuk oil fields and that the flow was only partially restored on Dec. 26.

Western industry sources said the flow across Turkey was below the trans-Turkey pipeline's 700,000 BPD capacity and that there was some doubt whether any oil was moving across Syria.

Petroleum Intelligence Weekly, the New York oil industry newsletter, said one week ago that pumping resumed at a rate of about 300,000 to 350,000 BPD across Turkey.

Saudi Arabian Government Tenders

Authority	Description	No. of Tender	Price SR	Closing Date
Department of Water & Sewage, Eastern Province	Construction of chambers for electric transformers at the sites of wells in Dammam and Al-Khobar	20/400/401	200	Jan. 31
Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs, (Branch Office, Western Province)	Temporary asphalted of roads in Khulais	9/M/401	500	Jan. 24
	Temporary asphalted of roads in Yanbu	10/M/401	500	Jan. 21
Municipality of Al-Otturan	General sanitation of the town and surrounding rural areas	4/400/401	500	Feb. 2
Ministry of Health	Laundry work at the Central Hospital, Arar	803	500	Feb. 1
" " "	Laundry work at King Faisal Hospital, Qorayat	804	500	Jan. 31

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Berth	Name of Vessel	Agent	Type of Cargo	Arrival Date
6.	Ocean Glory No. 8	O.Trade	Gen/Freight	12.1.81
7.	Ravni Kotary	Bamaodah	Bagged Barley	10.1.81
16.	Panama	Rezyat	Containers	12.1.81
18.	Odyseus	Rolaco	Bulk Cement	30.12.80
23.	Asia Ilho	S.F.T.C.	General/Rebar	12.1.81
14.	Kimatos	O.C.E.	Reefar	11.1.81
26.	Wild Fulmar	Star	Reefar	3.1.81
27.	Mount Dirys	A.A.	Bagged Sugar	9.1.81
28.	Palar Ecuador	Star	Reefar	26.12.80
31.	Sovereign Ruby	Fayez	Loading General	
35.	Khudoshnik Palkhomov	A.E.T.	Containers	12.1.81
38.	Zoa II	El Havi	Durra	6.1.81
39.	Mazin	Sadaka	Durra	1.1.81
40S	Amal	Ba Aboud	General	8.1.81
40N	Leda	A.E.T.	Polas/Steel/Gen.	13.1.81

RECENT ARRIVALS:

Asia Ilho	S.F.T.C.	Gen/Rebar	12.1.81
Ocean Glory No. 8	O.Trade	Gen/Freight	"
Panama	Rezyat	Containers	"
Khudoshnik Palkhomov	A.E.T.	Containers	"
Toyota Maru No. 20	Alireza	Vehicles	"
Leda	A.E.T.	Polas/Gen/Steel	"

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1.	Mara Dorico	Gulf	Bulk Wheat	12.1.81
4.	Ioannis Martinos	Kanoo	Conts/Rice	12.12.80
8.	Sri Kailash	Gulf	General	12.1.81
12.	York Town	SMC	Steel/Gen.	12.1.81
13.	Concordia Tadl	Alisabah	General	12.1.81
14.	Asia Samhn	SMC	Steel/Gen.	11.1.81
17.	Maldiva Trader	Orri	General	10.1.81
18.	Al Hijaz	UP	Bagged Barley	11.1.81
22.	Concordia Star	Alisabah	Gen/Conts.	12.1.81
27.	Lok Vivek	O.C.E.	Barley/Gen.	7.1.81
28.	Han Borl	Barber	General	9.1.81
29.	Nada	Barber	Cars	12.1.81
31.	Barber Toba	Barber	Gen/Ro-Rd/Conts.	13.1.81
34.	Panaghiolourion	Gosabli	General	10.1.81
35.	baron Macay	Kanoo	Iron Ore	12.1.81
36.	Peleus (D.B.)	SMC	Bulk Cement	6.1.81
37.	Arabian Lullah	Barber	Cement Sila VSL	27.10.77



DOW BREAKS 1,000 — The floor of the New York Stock Exchange reflected heightened activity Tuesday and the Dow Jones industrial average passed the 1,000 level to 1,004.69, the highest close for the average since it finished at 1,013.13 Sept. 27, 1976. The market's strength in recent days has been attributed to declining interest rates, and hopes that rates will soon fall further.

Facing economic crisis

Denmark to join North Sea oil exploration

LONDON, Jan. 13 (WP) — Faced with an economic crisis caused primarily by the high price it must pay for imported energy, Denmark is taking drastic steps to belatedly join the North Sea oil rush.

Risking potentially serious legal and political consequences, Prime Minister Anker Jorgensen's government is abruptly ending a Danish company's exclusive concession to explore for oil and natural gas in Denmark's small sector of the oil-rich North Sea until the year 2012.

Jorgensen's government instead will open the Danish sector to competitive bidding by oil companies for individual offshore exploration blocks, as neighboring Norway and Britain have been doing profitably in the North Sea for years.

Despite threats that the Danish firm will try to block the expropriation in court and the parliamentary opposition might try to bring down his minority left-of-center Social Democratic government over the issue, Jorgensen has decided to introduce expropriation legislation in parliament in January. His Energy Minister, Poul Nielson, hopes to solicit oil companies' bids for the first offshore exploratory drilling later this year.

Nielson's fledgling energy ministry is convinced by new data that there is enough oil and gas in the narrow slice of the North Sea

off Denmark's western coast to cover one-third to one-half of the country's energy needs beginning in the late 1980s. Only a small amount of oil now is being produced by the few offshore wells drilled by the Danish shipping conglomerate A.P. Moeller since it was given a 50-year exclusive concession for Danish offshore oil exploration in 1962.

So Denmark still must import nearly all its oil at an enormous cost that has plunged the rich Scandinavian country deeply into debt since the first steep worldwide oil-price increases in the early 1970s. To avoid financial collapse because of their huge government budget, balance-of-trade deficit and gigantic foreign debt, Danes have been forced to accept government-imposed austerity that is curtailing their generous welfare-state social benefits.

Meanwhile, Denmark has watched Britain and Norway begin to profit from the same high oil prices because they produce and export more oil from the North Sea than they consume. Their governments receive in taxes and royalties roughly 80 per cent of the money that oil companies make in their sectors of the North Sea, and oil has created new industries for their economies. This has made Norway, with its relatively small population, rich and virtually recession-proof, and has

Chrysler-workers' talks may solve financial issues

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (AP) — The question of how long workers will have to suffer financial pain may throw a light on the depth of the accelerating effort to save Chrysler Corp.

An issue in negotiations due to be resumed later this week is whether the United Auto Workers will pledge not to try to make up its concessions to the company all at once when the current contract expires in Sept. 1982.

Asked Monday night if he would approve such a committee, United Auto Workers President Dolas A. Fraser said, "I would not because I'm not going to anticipate the outcome of negotiations in 1982."

Asked directly whether such a response might make it impossible to rescue Chrysler, Fraser twice replied: "It will be very, very difficult." Two of the three Chrysler loan guarantee board members who must decide whether the No. 3 automaker gets \$400 million in new loan guarantees needed to survive, have raised the possibility of work concessions beyond their current contract.

And for the first time, a source says, the company also is insisting on a "no catch-up" commitment.

Fraser told reporters that chairman of the Federal Reserve Board and a board member brought up the issue at a meeting Monday night. Treasury Secretary G. William Miller has told reporters he wants such a provision, but Fraser said Miller had not told the union that.

The UAW already has yielded contract terms worth \$4 to 6 million. It now is haggling with Chrysler on a complete wage freeze, estimated to save \$673 million.

Fraser's comments did not rule out extending the current contract, but he said last week he would be reluctant to recommend an extension.

While Fraser was talking to different groups of Washington and holding news conferences after each meeting, Miller was conferring with Chrysler's bankers, who have been asked to convert at least \$57 million in loans to preferred stock. That would save an estimated \$100 million a year in interest.

Chrysler executives, meanwhile, were going to nail down commitments on a freeze by their 20,000 suppliers. "Things are going on all over the place," said a Chrysler executive, who asked not to be identified. Fraser, who is a Chrysler director, said he had been told things looked "optimistic" in the talks with bankers' suppliers.

OPEC meets in Vienna this month

CARACAS, Jan. 13 (AP) — Finance ministers of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) will meet in Vienna later this month to discuss economic and financial matters, including aid to developing nations, it was announced Monday.

Leopoldo Diaz Bruzual, head of the Venezuelan Investments Fund told the news agency Vespres that the ministers would also discuss the oil cartel's contribution to the Rome-based International Fund. The contribution had originally been set at \$450 million, but Venezuelan sources said it might be increased.

Diaz Bruzual, whose post has been ranked cabinet minister, did not disclose the day date of the planned meeting.

Foreign Exchange Rates

Quoted at 5:00 P.M. Tuesday

	SAMA	Cash	Transfer
Bahrian Dinar	—	8.60	—
Belgian Franc (1,000)	105.00	—	—
Canadian Dollar	2.81	—	—
Deutsche Mark (100)	169.00	170.00	—
Dutch Guilder (100)	156.00	—	—
Egyptian Pound	—	4.40	4.45
Emirate Dirham (100)	—	91.00	90.85
French Franc (100)	73.00	73.50	73.15
Greek Drachma (1,000)	—	72.25	73.00
Indian Rupee (100)	—	—	42.85
Irish Punt (100)	—	—	—
Israeli Lira (10,000)	36.00	36.50	35.00
Japanese Yen (1,000)	16.50	—	16.00
Jordanian Dinar	—	10.90	10.85
Kuwaiti Dinar	—	12.29	12.25
Lebanese Lira (100)	—	90.50	89.80
Moroccan Dirham (100)	—	82.00	78.15
Pakistani Rupee (100)	—	—	33.75
Philippines Peso (100)	—	—	44.35
Pound Sterling	8.00	8.03	7.95
Qatari Riyal (100)	—	91.80	91.80
Singapore Dollar	—	—	1.35
Spanish Punt (1,960)	—	42.20	42.35
Swiss Franc (100)	187.00	187.00	183.00
Syrian Lira (100)	—	77.00	8.00
Turkish Lira (1,000)	—	36.00	—
U.S. Dollar	3.33	3.335	3.35
Venezuelan Bolivar (100)	—	73.25	73.00
Gold kg.	—	61,350.00	—
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VIJAYA DARASHANA	10-1-81	11-1-81	Gen./Bombay

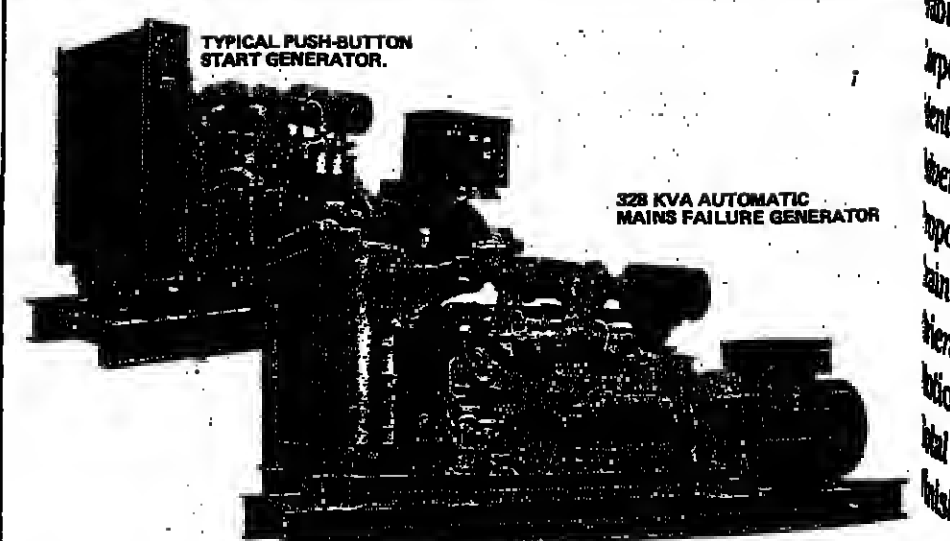
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Thorn hints at action against 3 members

BRASSOURG, France, Jan. 13 (R) — President Gerson has said he might have to take France, Germany and Belgium to the European Court of Justice for non-payment of the European Community contributions.

Thorn told the European parliament Monday that while his Brussels EEC executive committee would work for a political settlement of the dispute, it could have no option but to take legal action as guardian of the EEC treaties.

Thorn, the president of the parliament, earlier made a short statement explaining the decision to sign into force a \$512 million budget supplement last December without government approval. "The procedure down in the treaties had been complied," she said.

France, West Germany and Belgium had asked for a \$100 million budget supplement for Italian earthquake relief, but the \$412 million added by the assembly was aid to unemployed workers. The

three have paid only their share of the lower figure.

Dutch Foreign Minister Christoph Van Der Klaav, the current president of the EEC ministerial council, is expected to set out the member states' view on the dispute in a speech to the parliament Wednesday.

Thorn, 52, the former Luxembourg Prime Minister was warmly received by the parliament and moved to work for greater cooperation between his commission and the assembly.

He promised to act with courage and determination to promoting European unity and criticized EEC governments' lack of interest in the idea. "Our governments are incapable...of defining the content or shape of European union," he said.

Thorn introduced the six new members of the commission to the parliament and was criticized by Ernest Glinne, the Socialist leader, because none was a woman.

Christian Democratic leader Egon Klepsch, the new commission president

promised to present a solid program for the coming year when he addresses the parliament again next month. This should include progress towards economic and monetary union and fight against unemployment, he said.

The parliament has grown from 410 to 434 members this month with the arrival of 24 delegates from Greece. They were welcomed officially at the start of Monday's session by Mrs. Veil.

Unlike their fellow-members, the Greek parliamentarians have been nominated from their national parliament rather than being directly elected.

Parliament officials said the Athens government was reluctant to agree to early European elections because they could turn into a referendum on EEC membership. Greece joined on Jan. 1.

Of the 24 delegates, 16 come from the governing New Democracy Party, seven from the anti-membership Pan-Hellenic Socialist Movement (PASOK) and one is a Communist.

Regan rules out economic emergency step

WASHINGTON, Jan. 13 (WP) — Secretary of the Treasury-designate Donald T. Regan said recently that he will recommend any presidential declaration of economic emergency or request for extraordinary powers, even though unemployment, inflation and interest rates will remain high all of 1981.

Regan, the silver-haired stockbroker who was named to the treasury post by President-elect Ronald Reagan, said he would not recommend such a declaration because it would bring about "very hard political realities," Regan said.

Under questioning, Regan refused to say how he felt about Chrysler Corp.'s request for additional federal loan guarantees until the new administration takes office on Jan. 20.

"I'll reserve (a decision) on Chrysler,"

Regan said, "I seriously consider" a declaration of economic emergency when he takes office — a step recommended by David Stockman, the president-elect's choice to head the office of management and budget.

Regan said that tax reductions of 30 per cent over three years for individuals will form the "centerpiece" of Reagan's economic recovery plan, with simultaneous proposals for cutbacks in government spending and federal regulations of business.

But a balanced budget — at first thought possible by mid-1983 — now is likely only in the fourth year of the new administration because of "very hard political realities," Regan said.

Regan, who will become chairman of the Chrysler loan guarantee board if, as expected, he is confirmed by the Senate.

In a rather gloomy opening statement, Regan said: "despite some evidence of strength, the short-term economic outlook is not bright," with many economic analysts believing that recovery from the 1980 recession already is "abating."

But he said the president-elect's economic program should mean "gradual improvement" in conditions during the second half of 1981 and "major improvement" early in 1982.

Regan was questioned about commodity "tax straddles" promoted by Merrill Lynch and Co., the firm he formerly headed. The treasury claims they are improper tax-avoidance schemes that cost the government \$1 billion in lost revenue each year.

"I have never invested in a silver straddle or any other kind of straddle," Regan said.

Japanese take pains to find car parking place

TOKYO, (LAT) — Mayumi Takahashi turned 18 — the driving age to Japan — and her parents have bought her a new car. At there was no traipsing through dealer showrooms to make the decision. Takahashi had her mother just sat home and waited for a salesman who works door-to-door.

That may be the only thing that's easy about owning a car in Japan, however. For a country that currently makes more of them than any other, the Japanese certainly take pains to see that it is difficult to have four wheels of your own.

If a would-be car owner survives 30 hours of training in a classroom and 27 hours on the road to get a driver's license, then all he or she has to do is to certify there's a place to park the car, be willing to fatten the pocketbooks of the local repair shop to get the vehicle through a required inspection every six

months and be ready to pay a healthy toll for every inch of freeway driven.

It is no wonder that barely more than half the households in this nation own a passenger car — in contrast to about one and a half cars per household in the United States — or that half the cars produced here are sold somewhere else in the world (the U.S. gets half of those exports).

Tkase the first problem, getting the driver's license. Takahashi, a college freshman who earned the car from her parents by passing a college entrance exam without the cost of a year of special prep school education, is currently taking three months of driving lessons in a school in Kawagoe city, west of Tokyo. The tuition fee for those lessons is \$1,116.

Takahashi says she's not having any trouble learning the driving rules, but she complains about the lessons on the structure of an automobile and its engine — a part of every driving course here. "I still haven't figured out how a carburetor works or what it does for the car," she says.

When she gets her license, Takahashi will

be somewhat out of the ordinary. At present, only about 50 per cent of the driving age population in Japan — 75 per cent of the men and only 29 per cent of the women — hold a license.

When it is time to purchase a car, the sales pitches can be suffered to the comfort of home. But the prices are no bargain. Despite lower production costs in Japan, prices are almost as high as in the United States. That's because the Japanese government slaps a 15 per cent excise tax on the factory cost of an automobile. True, American car buyers pay a state sales tax, but that probably only equals the other taxes and fees the Japanese buyer faces — including a one-time "acquisition" tax of several hundred dollars and \$40 to get that mandatory off-street parking spot certified — a requirement even for farmers in rural areas.

Monthly parking lot fees in Tokyo generally run around \$333.

Part of the high price of new cars here reflects the emissions control equipment



NEW FLAG FLIES IN BRUSSELS: Jan. 1st Greece became a member of the European Community and our picture shows the Greek flag being hoisted next to the other nine members flags in front of the EEC Headquarters in Brussels.

Austria trebles trade with Iran

VIENNA, Jan. 13 (R) — Neutral Austria, which has not participated in a U.S.-led trade boycott of Iran, almost trebled its exports to Tehran last year, according to figures published here.

Exports — mainly chemicals, iron, steel, wood, paper and foodstuffs — rose to over \$179 million compared with about \$67.6 million in 1979, Austria trade officials said.

Iran set up a purchasing bureau in its Vienna embassy in April to coordinate purchases of food and spare parts in Europe from firms willing to break the trade boycott.

But the trade officials said Austria had not become a transit station for sanctions-busting exports since Iran's demand for industrial projects had almost disappeared after the revolution in 1979.

Because of the drop in Iranian oil exports, Austria's purchases there dropped to less than half their 1979 value.

BRIEFS

PARIS, (AFP) — State-owned motor manufacturer Renault in 1980 had an output of 2,055,000 vehicles, making it the biggest producer among European car manufacturers, company figures showed. Its annual turn-over and investments were also at record levels, the company said.

WASHINGTON, (AP) — John L. Moore Jr., President and chairman of the U.S. Export-Import Bank, announced Monday he will resign his post so that president-elect Ronald Reagan can choose a successor.



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In Women's Masters Tennis

Austin beats Jaeger for title

LANDOVER, Maryland, Jan. 13 (AFP) — Tracy Austin, 18, won the battle of the teenagers when she defeated fellow American Andrea Jaeger, 15, in the final of the Women's Masters Tennis Tournament Monday night.

Austin, who dropped only nine games in three matches on her way to the final, won 6-2, 6-2 to record her fifth win out of six encounters against her schoolgirl opponent and take the \$75,000 first prize.

Jaeger, whose three set victory over Austin at Mahwah, New Jersey, last summer was the first defeat Austin had suffered at the hands of a younger player, reached the final with a memorable 6-4, 4-6, 6-1 win over the defending champion, the United States-based Czechoslovak Martina Navratilova, in the semi-finals. Austin had beaten 28 year-old Wendy Turnbull of Australia 6-1 6-2 in her semi-final.

Jaeger's path to the final was made easier by the withdrawal of Chris Evert-Lloyd

because of influenza, but she showed character by coming back after losing her first match in the round-robin to Hana Mandlikova of Czechoslovakia. The tournament brought together the eight leading money-winners from the women's series. Turnbull beat Navratilova 1-6, 7-5, 6-2 for third place.

It was Austin's first major tournament win since her stunning defeat of Chris Evert-Lloyd in the final of the 1979 U.S. Open. Last year she lost in the Wimbledon and U.S. Open semi-finals and her only wins came in women's Grand Prix events. "I'm overjoyed with this win," Austin said afterwards, adding, "I knew I had to be patient against Andrea and wait for just the right moment to break her serve." She went on to complement her opponent saying, "when I was her age I was not as strong as she is."

Jaeger took the defeat well saying she was not used to playing on the slow Landover surface. "I didn't serve very well and in these conditions, there was no question of charging the net," she added.

In Kansas City, sixth-seeded Virginia Wade defeated Sharon Walsh 6-1, 6-4 in the first round of the Avo Women's Tennis Championships.

In other first-round matches, Pam Teeguarden defeated Terry Holladay 6-4, 1-6, 6-1; Barbara Potter defeated Barbara Halliust 6-4, 6-1; Sandy Collins defeated Rosalyn Fairbank 6-4, 6-3; Peanut Louie defeated Betsy Nagelsen 7-6, (7-3), 6-0; Joanne Russell defeated Stacy Margolin 6-4, 6-0; and Sylvia Hanika defeated Mary Lou Piatek 6-0, 6-3.

EFA to terminate use of disciplinary cards

LONDON, Jan. 13 (AFP) — The English Football Association decided to end the use of red and yellow disciplinary cards. It will be used for the last time in football league matches next Saturday. But the decision to end the system, taken at Monday's F.A. Council meeting is against the thinking of football league referees.

The cards were introduced in 1976-77 to overcome the language barrier when playing foreign teams and to communicate the referee's decision to players and spectators. Now the F.A. have produced a chart which shows that cautions and sending-off have increased since the introduction of the cards. F.A. secretary Ted Croker said that the ending of the card system was an F.A. directive which covered all football in England and there was no question of the football league being allowed to retain it.

Dutch manager quits

ZEIST, Jan. 13 (AFP) — The flagging fortunes of the Dutch National Football side came to a head Tuesday with the announcement that manager Jan Zwartkruis has resigned. The Dutch Football Federation accepted his request to be released on January 15 from a contract which stretched to July 1, 1982.

Zwartkruis, who is to return to his post as a captain in the Dutch Air-force, gave as a reason for his resignation "the lack of material to properly continue in the job." The softly spoken, silver-haired enthusiast took over at the helm of the Dutch side in February 1977 and started with an encouraging 2-0 win over England at Wembley.

A spokesman for the Dutch Federation said Zwartkruis had been hurt by the criticisms of his side made by the newspapers on his return from Uruguay, and did not exclude the suggestion that these criticisms were the main reason for his resignation.



ON THE WRONG FOOT: Socrates, who reduced the margin for Brazil, sends Uruguay goalkeeper Rodolfo on in the wrong direction from the spot in the Gold Cup final Saturday.

German football coach says

Europeans need better preparation

MONTEVIDEO, Jan. 13 (AP) — The prestigious six-nation Gold Cup Soccer Tournament, played in tremendous heat over two weeks here, produced three outstanding South American teams and three distinctly mediocre European sides. While finalists Uruguay and Brazil and World Cup holder Argentina all sparkled, Italy, Holland and European champion West Germany failed to record a victory between them and fared very poorly.

The failure of Italy and Holland, both in the process of team rebuilding, was no surprise. But the eclipse of West Germany, undefeated in 23 straight internationals under coach Jupp Derwall, was sensational. Beaten 2-1 by Argentina, then 4-1 by Brazil the Germans, so sound technically, seemed to lack the heart for a battle in the sun. For all the upfield foraging of the courageous Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, the Germans were exposed — particularly against Brazil — as being ill-prepared for a top-level competition such as this.

"This tournament taught all the European teams that they need to prepare much more effectively for similar competitions," said German coach Derwall.

With the hot condition, lack of crowd support and inexperienced players, little was expected of Holland and Italy. And precious little was shown. Jan Zwartkruis' Dutch team was an ill-organized shambles, while the Italians kicked their way through their opening match against Uruguay — having a 1-1 draw against Holland. Little wonder Cesar Luis Menotti, proud boss of Argentina, tongue lashed the weak performances of the Europeans.

The Gold Cup proved how much closer are the South Americans to producing definitive line-ups for the 1982 World Cup while will be held in similar conditions to these in Spain.

Hard then to understand England's astonishing not to attend. Even harder to perceive manager Ron Greenwood's reluctance to travel to Uruguay as an observer. There was much to be learnt here in terms of tactics and teams England could meet in Spain.

Five of the previous six World Cup winners attended the Gold Cup, which was organized to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first "Mundial" in the same Centenario Stadium in 1930. Local fans were hoping for a repeat of that 1930 final in which Uruguay trounced its arch-rival Argentina 4-2. The Argentines

lost out when Brazil crushed the Germans and advanced to the final because of its superior goal difference.

Menotti based his team on the 1978 World Cup winning side, introducing youngsters Ramon Diaz and Diego Maradona to complement the experienced heads. "Our current team is better than the one that won the World Cup," he proclaimed before the tournament. Events proved him wrong.

Maradona, the precious 20-year-old "boy wonder," failed to live up to his undoubted potential, while striker Mario Kempes was sorely afflicted by injuries. The Argentine coach defended his stars: "Just because Kempes hardly played here he cannot be written off," he said. "Maradona was tired after a long season."

The Brazilians victory against the Germans was a personal triumph for coach Tele Santana, much-criticized before the tournament. Well marshalled by defender Luizinho, inspired by midfielders Batista and Toninho Cerezo, this Brazil team looks well equipped to end a decade of Brazilian failure at international level.

Santana, who likes his soccer to be played as an art form, scorns close marking, preferring to allow his players to express themselves.



RUMBLE-TUMBLE: Action from a previous meet held by the EHC.

Motocross returns to town

JEDDAH, Jan. 13 — Motocross returns to Jeddah this weekend with the EHC Club staging the first meet of the season Jan. 16. As usual there will be an international flavor with riders from at least ten different countries taking part. Arabian Motocross Association rules will be used for the scheduled six races, which start at 2.00 p.m., and include junior and senior events.

It is hoped that all participants will be at

the kilo 21 track well before the starting time. New riders will have to arrive early to take the compulsory test ride before their registration are accepted.

The international points system will be in force to determine the final positions and timings will be used as a backup in cases of equal points. The meet will be co-sponsored by EHC, Bin Laden-Iberia, Ajeab Transports, Bulmagne, Champion and Autoram.

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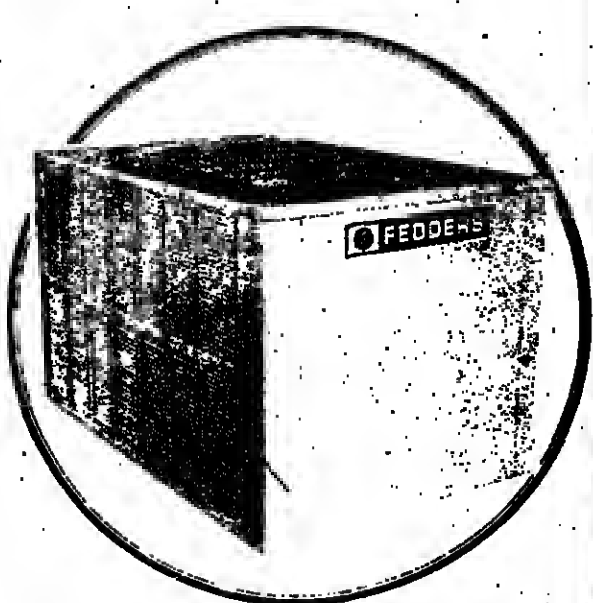


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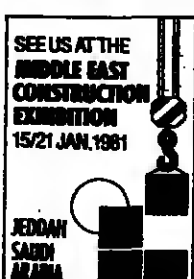
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Australia surprises Pakistan

Holland, Germany in exciting tie

By Shahid Orakzi
Arab News Correspondent

ACHIL, Jan. 13 — In an eventful day the third Champions Trophy Holland gained the lead when they held strong Germany in a photo-finish 4-4 draw. Pakistan went further down when they lost to Australia 3-4.

Holland now has five points with two wins and a draw while the Germans have four points from victory over Spain and drawn with England and Holland.

Australia climbed to third position manag-

ing a 4-3 victory over world champions. At one stage they were leading 4-1. Pakistan, not only went out of the race for the title but also spoiled their record. They have never conceded four goals to any team in history. The highest score against Pakistan was three goals by West Germany but in that match Germans had lost 3-4.

The Aussies, much depressed after their 2-2 draw with England were out for an early lead which they got through right-half-back Jim Irvine, striking of a penalty corner in the 13th minute. Amid desperate attempts by Pakistani forwards, maintaining their non-

cohesive approach, Australia increased the lead through a field goal by spearhead Thornton. Shortly before half-time, right-winger Kalimullah reduced the margin converting a rebound from a corner.

Qaisar Iqbal coming in place of spearhead Mustaq accelerated Pakistan's attack but a flick by him after beating the custodian was saved by David Bell, who crashed his head against the goal post.

Before the home side could exert pressure, Aussies added two more goals in the early stages of the second-half, first by Thornton and later by captain Charlesworth.

Struggling hard Pakistanis reduced the lead when inside-left Hanif Khan utilised two rebounds from field attempts but then the Australian changed their tactics, focusing on defence.

In the second thrilling encounter the Netherlands surprised Germany when Ties Kurize dodged past two defenders to flick to the fourth minute. Four minutes later, right half Doyer of a similar move doubled the lead. But the Germans did not lose their nerves.

In the 23rd minute they got a penalty-corner that developed into a corner and then a penalty stroke which captain Michael Peter easily converted. Two minutes later Peter struck again of a short-corner to equalize.

Shortly after breather a solo effort by Dutch forward Bouwman earned them a penalty-stroke which Kurize converted.

The Germans had to struggle for quite long before Blocher could connect a pass from Peter of a corner. An inspired German team then drove the Dutch to their area and forced a total of eight penalty-corners. One of them was converted by Michael Peter to emerge as the top-scorer with a total of seven goals in three matches.



THE WINNERS: Steve Mahre of USA, the winner of the recently concluded World Cup Slalom in West Germany, is flanked by Peter Pospisil of Bulgaria (left), who placed second, and Paul Frommelt, who finished third.

Agostini wins Downhill Ski Cup

CHRUNS, Austrian Alps, Jan. 13 (AFP) — Women's World Cup skiing leader Therese Nadi of Switzerland missed the final gate, but her compatriot Doris de Agostini barreled through it to win the downhill here Monday.

De Agostini, 22, had tears of joy in her eyes as she explained after the race, "I asked myself if I was perfect. The young Swiss has been waiting to win all season and placed second in the last two Downhills, at Altenmarkt, Austria, and Pfronten, West Germany. She is the fastest in training here.

She led the World Cup Downhill standings Monday's race and was tied for sixth in the World Cup standings with compatriot Ingrid Isaksson. Austria seems to be a happy place for her.

final turn and shot off the trial. Nine other racers had trouble on this turn at the fearsome Schruns course, including Austrian Cornelia Proell, winner at Pfronten on Jan. 8. Proell also missed the gate. Nadi still led in the World Cup with 138 points pursued by French Slalom specialist Perrine Pele (114).

A more telling statistic for Nadi is her ranking at third in the Downhill (52 points), behind de Agostini (80) and Proell (56). Nadi won two of the first three Downhills of the season and by Dec. 12 had won three of four World Cup events, including a Giant Slalom at Limone Piemonte on. But she has not won, or placed in the top three, in the six World Cup races since.

She is not favored for the special Slalom here Tuesday, but will be a threat in the next World Cup Downhill, on Jan. 19 at Crans Montana in Switzerland. World Cup holder Hanni Wenzel of Liechtenstein continued an exemplary return from her knee injury with a

point-winning sixth placing. Wenzel finished eighth at Pfronten, her first race of the season.

Meanwhile, in Zermath, the bodies of two Italian skiers were discovered near the Italian-Swiss border. They were identified as Luca De Poli and Giovanni Cattaneo, missing since January 2.

The bodies of three other Italian skiers were discovered in the same area last Friday. They were Lberto Germetti, Felice Chioce and Salvo Burtini.

Impudent skiers led two separate searches by police, firemen and rescue-workers in the Vosges near Strasbourg overnight.

In one case 30 rescuers battled through the snow for several hours searching for a woman who got separated from her friends and got lost in the fog. She was found safe.

In the other case a young woman who had never skied before became exhausted after setting off with four friends on a 15 kilometer journey.



DARING SAVE: Riyadh's goalkeeper dives at the feet of Ahli's Amin Daba to bring off a splendid save. Ahli won 2-0 Monday night.

In National Football League

Hilal drops point to Nahda

By Munir Muhammad Ali

JEDDAH, Jan. 13 Nasr caught up with Hilal in the National Football League's leadership Monday beating Jabalein 2-0. Hilal was tied 1-1 with Nahda Sunday after noon in Riyadh.

The 14th week of the league was marked by three ties. Ittifaq and Qadisiyya drew 1-1 in Dammam Monday, while Ittihad's encounter with Shabab ended 2-2 Tuesday afternoon. With only four weeks remaining, Riyadh's Hilal and Nasr are sharing the first place and Jeddah's Ahli and Ittihad are next, four points lower.

Ittihad had to battle fiercely to equalize with Shabab despite an early goal by Tammim in the eighth minute. Shabab equalized through Brazilian Bruno in the 37th minute ending the first half with that result. But Shabab surprised Ittihad with a second goal in the 57th minute. Bruno took a sizzling shot from the 18-meter line that hit the post and settled inside the net leaving Ittihad's goalie, Al Rawas, frustrated.

Ittihad abandoned its defensive tactics and put pressure for an equalizer. Until the 75th minute Ittihad's efforts were foil by Shabab's defense. Abu Samra, Ittihad's striker, unexpectedly kicked the ball, surprising Shabab's goalkeeper, to achieve the equalizer.

Nasr faced a defensive Jabalein Monday. Jabalein had several scoring opportunities from counter-attacks, but they wasted them. The first half ended without any goal. But in the 50th minute Jabalein's Ahmad Al-

Suwaigh netted into his own net trying to send the ball away. Nasr got its next goal through Majed Abdullah from a pass by Yusuf Khamis.

The match was interrupted when a spectator sent the fans helter-skelter shouting that the light pylon was falling. It was only after the referee announced that the spectator had only seen a cloud moving that calm was restored.

STANDINGS:

	G	W	T	L	GF	GA	Pts
Hilal	14	5	4	2	32	15	20
Nasr	14	9	2	3	39	23	20
Ittihad	14	5	3	3	28	15	16
Ahli	14	6	4	2	21	19	16
Qadisiyya	14	6	3	5	20	20	15
Nahda	14	4	7	3	19	20	15
Shabab	14	5	4	5	25	20	14
Ittifaq	14	5	4	5	22	20	14
Jabalein	14	2	3	9	8	29	6
Riyadh	14	1	1	12	6	33	3

Iceland may host

Karpov-Korchnoi match

REYKAVIK, Iceland, Jan. 13 (AFP) — Iceland's Chess Federation said it was considering hosting the World Chess Championship clash in July between champion Soviet Anatoly Karpov and challenger Soviet exile Victor Korchnoi. The much-publicized contest between Soviet Boris Spassky and American Bobby Fischer took place in Reykjavik in 1973.

World Chess Federation president Fridrik Olafsson of Iceland told the press here that he was interested in the idea.

Aussies hammer Indian attack

CANBERRA, Jan. 13 (AP) — The two-day game between the touring Indian side and the Australian Capital Territory at Manuka Oval, Canberra, petered out into a draw Tuesday. The honors went to the ACT batsmen, who hit up 304 for six in its first innings after the Indians had declared at 302 for six.

The ACT batsmen scored 145 runs between tea and stumps with all-rounder Neil Bulger scoring 50 in an hour against the Indian attack.

India was hampered by the loss of fast bowler Kapil Dev who left the field after bowling only seven overs and acting skipper Chetan Chauhan, deputizing for Viswanath who also left the field, had to rely on spinners Yadav and Kirti to bowl the bulk of the overs.

On a perfect batting track, the ACT batsmen gradually got on top with opener Terry Khan top scoring with 69 compiled in 272 minutes, Russell Rogers hitting 53 in 68 minutes and Bulger hitting 57 with his 50 coming in exactly one hour.

On a hot afternoon Bulger thrashed the touring Indian bowlers hitting one mighty six and five fours in his innings. He and Eugene Nix put on 83 for the seventh-wicket in 68 minutes and raised the highest cheer of the afternoon when they passed the Indians' total.

Brief scores:

Indians 302 for 6 decd. ACT 304 for 6 (Terry Khan 69, R. Roger 53, N. Bulger 57, Yadav 4 for 87).

Andersson keeps lead

HASTINGS, Jan. 13 (AP) — Monday's 13th round was a day of missed opportunities for the grandmasters in their tournament at the Hastings International Chess Congress. A series of draws lacking in excitement kept the situation unchanged at the top, where Sweden's Ulf Andersson is leader.

In 11 moves against John Peters of Los Angeles, Andersson exchanged his queen, a knight and a pawn for Peters' queen, knight and two pawns, and the game ended.

Eugenio Torre, Philippines, played some attacking chess against Lev Albur of New York, but after 38 moves the pair had nothing to make out of a rook and three pawns for Torre and a rook and two pawns for Albur. They settled for a draw.

Anatoly Lein of Jersey City, could have improved his chances of a say in the title if he had won against Vladimir Liberzoo of Israel, but that faded out in a draw in 21 moves.

Two British players, Paul Littlewood and Robert Bellin drew against each other in 23 moves.



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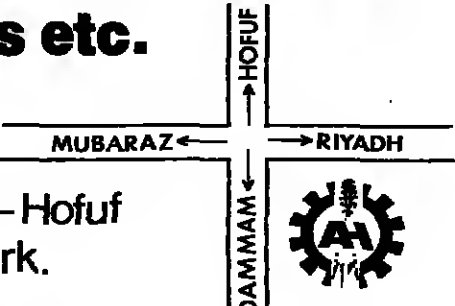
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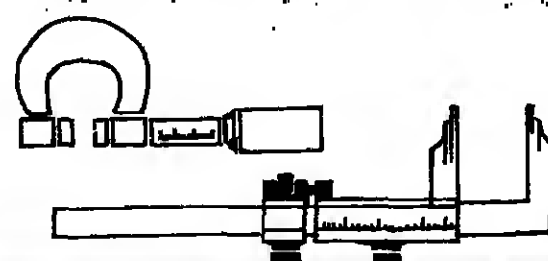
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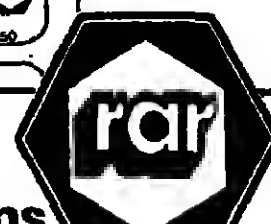
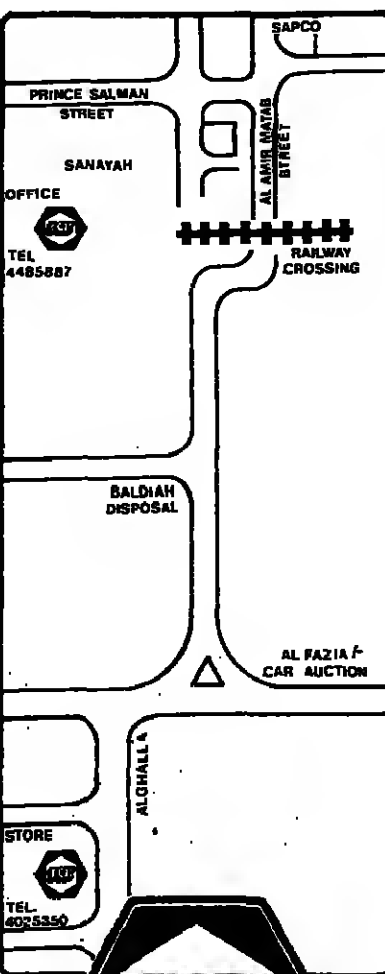
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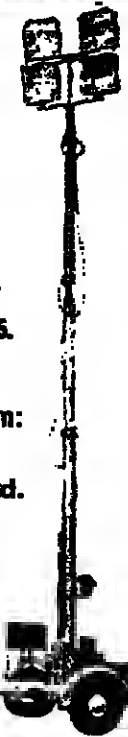
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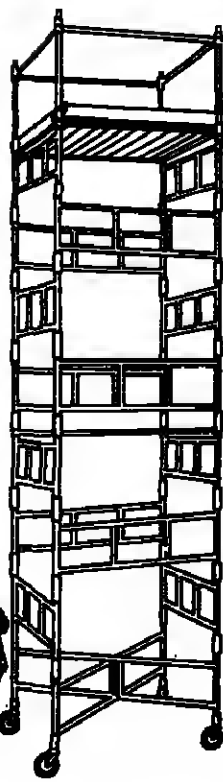
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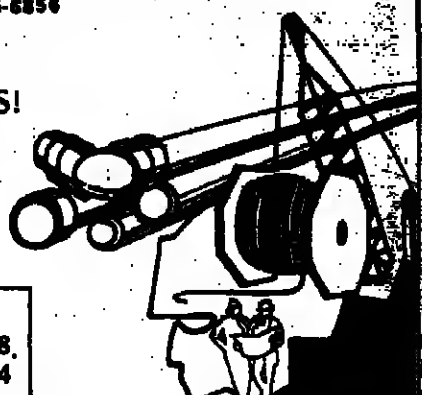
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Hostage issue

Lack of quorum stalls debate on urgent bills

TEHRAN, Jan. 13 (R) — Efforts to rush two key bills on the American hostages through Iran's Majlis (parliament) were stalled Tuesday for at least 24 hours due to the absence of just one man.

Because the legislation was urgent, Iranian constitutional law required the presence in the Majlis of at least three-quarters of the 12-man council of guardians, a constitutional watchdog body comprising six jurists and six clergymen.

Only eight were in Tehran, and as a result the debate was put off until Wednesday when it was hoped that enough council members would be available, a council spokesman said.

The delay, described as technical and in no way intentional, was a setback to the Iranian government's apparent wish to reach a deal with the United States over the 52 captives

Iran rules out talks with Iraq

TEHRAN, Jan. 13 (AFP) — Iran will not negotiate or arrange a cease-fire with Iraq as long as Baghdad's troops remain on Iranian soil, Tehran Parliament President Hashemi Rafsanjani said last night.

He made the statement in anticipation of a visit to Iran by former Swedish Premier Olof Palme, who has been asked by the United Nations to seek peace talks between Iran and Iraq. Palme was due to arrive Tuesday in Baghdad. He visited the two capitals in November.

Meanwhile, Iran has said its forces had shot down an Iraqi MiG fighter in its counter-offensive in the war, to support its claims of a major victory. It put more than 30 captured tanks on display. Each side reported victories, and casualties on the other side, in the war that began last September.

before President Carter leaves office on Jan. 20.

State radio quoted Ahmad Azizi, director of American hostage affairs in the prime minister's office, as denying an exact date had been set for the release of the hostages.

In a news broadcast, he was quoted as telling this to the radio in response to a question about "the rumors spread by several news agencies in recent days on setting an exact date for the release of the hostages."

He was quoted as saying no final agreement had been reached so far, but that negotiations were continuing in a "positive framework."

The Majlis had been set to approve Tuesday the two bills related to major aspects of a U.S.-Iranian accord on the hostages, which diplomatic sources say is at last within sight.

The spokesman denied the build-up was other than an accident. One position in the council is vacant and three members who were out of town could not return in time after Monday's announcement that the legislation was on Tuesday's agenda.

Majlis sources said there was no political obstacle to approving the bills, which are to nationalize the wealth of the late Shah and some 50 of his relatives and to authorize the government to allow third party arbitration in legal claims between Iran and the United States.

Diplomatic sources here say the basic outlines of an accord have been settled and, barring the kind of snags that have bedevilled previous efforts to free the hostages, should be announced before the change of U.S. leadership next week.

But even if a breakthrough is achieved by then, the hostages may not be freed until after the inauguration of President-elect Ronald Reagan because of technical issues still to be resolved, the sources said.



SEARCH: Residents of San Mango Sal Calere, a southern Italian village, search for their belongings Monday. The village was destroyed by an earthquake recently. The area has been covered by snowfalls for the past few days.

Rome newspapers refuse to budge

Guerrillas extend deadline on judge

ROME, Jan. 13 (AFP) — First editions of Tuesday's major Rome newspapers did not publish the texts which the Red Brigades demanded as a condition for reprieving Giovanni D'Urso, the kidnapped judge they have threatened to "execute."

But the popular paper *Il Messaggero*, which had earlier agreed to meet the terrorists' demand in return for a guarantee that the judge would be freed unharmed, decided to print the texts after D'Urso's release.

Italian dailies — most of which have refused to bow to "terrorist blackmail" — gave front-page space to an appeal made Monday night on television by the judge's daughter, Lorena, who used four minutes of air time donated by the radical party to read extracts from a Brigades propaganda communiqué. The papers also headlined the 20-hour "stay of execution" granted by the terrorists, who gave the newspapers until 2 p.m. local time (13GMT) Wednesday to

comply with their ultimatum.

While extending their deadline, the Brigades added new conditions in exchange for the life of D'Urso abducted one month ago: They demanded that communiques issued through jailed terrorists at Trani and Palmi prisons be read in full over radio and television, in addition to being printed. They ordered that charges of complicity in the kidnapping of D'Urso, brought Monday against 85 imprisoned guerrillas be dropped.

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summit's significant achievement would be to eliminate political differences and to disallow its impact on Islamic cooperation in all economic, cultural and social fields. By doing so, the conference would perform a major task, especially as political differences among the Islamic states are mostly non-essential, he said.

He noted that a majority of Islamic states have the same leaning, more so because the challenges before the Muslim world are big and varied. He said that plans to face political, economic or military challenges would be the basic element in the deliberations of the conference.

He reaffirmed that the conference is being held at an historic turn for the Islamic nation, which is striving to leave its positive impact on the international situation, and make use of all its economic, military, cultural and human energies. From this standpoint, he said, "I wanted to place before you the Kingdom's aspirations in regard to this conference and the main issues before it."

Saudi Arabia will submit a number of working papers, stating opinions, directions and explanations of the summit's objectives, he said.

The minister referred to the recent Arab summit in Amman and said that numerous Arab aspirations were achieved. Prince Saud added the Jan. 25 summit will discuss an agreement for the protection of investment in Islamic countries.

Commenting on the Arab and Islamic rifts, the prince said, it was natural for the conference to attempt an end to differences among Islamic countries. "This is not just a wish for Islamic countries, but their prime objective," he added.

Enormous efforts have been exerted to resolve the Iraq-Iran conflict, Prince Saud said. A committee headed by President Zia ul Haq of Pakistan and OIC Secretary General Habib Chatti had visited the two countries in an attempt to stop the war and settle the differences on a sound basis.

"I can not say that the committee succeeded in halting the fighting, but it opened the door for negotiations," the prince said. He expressed the hope that the Mecca summit would give a final push to the OIC's

efforts to settle the conflict.

The foreign minister said Islamic discords do not stem from serious quarrels. There were, in fact, no differences between one state and the other, and "I consider them differences emanating mostly from foreign intervention, or a result of problems left behind by colonialism in the Islamic states." There are no essential problems, he said, adding that motives leading to solidarity and rapprochement among these countries are too many, and are based on joint cooperation and a fraternal approach.

Though he said, one must not belittle problems, one must not also be pessimistic and conclude the problems would continue for ever. He said: "I believe that the presence of the heads of state in this sacred land and at this juncture spells out hope for the availability of sufficient opportunities to bypass the negative elements."

He said there was nothing to prevent the development of good and special relations between Saudi Arabia and Iran since they already were united by religion, common history and neighborliness. "The Kingdom does not see any obstacle to raise these relations to the level which should characterize the bonds among all Islamic nations," he said.

There are no problems with Libya, he said, but relations were affected when Libyan officials made statements about Islam and "this is the basic difference."

Prince Saud said the Arab summit also had set up a committee of heads of state to help solve inter-Arab differences. The Secretary General of the Arab League was asked to visit Arab capitals for consultations and after that it was decided to form the committee of Saudi Arabia, Algeria, and the league. The committee started its work by mediating between Syria and Iraq and Syria and Jordan but since time was of the essence it was agreed to let the foreign ministers of the two countries and the secretary general do the work for the time being. They visited the countries in question to learn of their views about its operation. It will meet again on Jan. 20 and submit a report to King Khaled and President Chedli Benjedid. The results were so far encouraging, he said.

The foreign minister reiterated that Islamic

resources are dedicated to welfare and not to evil. He said Islam is the religion of enlightenment and guidance and not of tyranny and aggression. This is an eternal message of which every Muslim is proud.

The prince added that the influence of Islam was evident when the world was drowned in the darkness of ignorance. Islam's contribution is great in the field of science, civilization and human rights, he said, adding that, as Muslims "we aspire to serve the interests of the Islamic nation and the Muslim individual. As a bloc, we strive to gain independence from foreign influence and to allow smaller nations to enjoy similar rights in the international society."

Referring to fears, the prince said he has heard no such thing from any quarter. He added, however, that these fears must be based on factual bases. The Islamic line does not constitute any danger to any part of the world; it only works for the welfare of all, he asserted.

He said that the Soviet occupation of Afghanistan did not threaten the Islamic countries alone but all peace-loving states as well because it was done by a superpower which had certain obligations to preserve international peace. He hoped that the superpowers will be fair and just rather than aggressive states.

While appreciating the Soviet support given to the Arab cause over Palestine, he said this did not justify Soviet actions in Afghanistan nor "permit us to ignore its evils there."

He wondered how the Soviet Union could denounce the Israeli occupation of the Arab lands and demand Israeli withdrawal while at the same time it is doing the same thing in Afghanistan.

He said that the Islamic conference had dealt with this problem in Islamabad and reaffirmed the desire for relations of mutual respect between the Soviet Union and the Islamic states based on Soviet withdrawal from Afghanistan.

On Crown Prince Fahd's call for the holy war, the foreign minister said it was a basic part of a study submitted by the Jerusalem Committee for a joint Islamic action in this behalf.

Prince Saud referred to the situation in the Gulf and said the Gulf security was undoubtedly the responsibility of the concerned states. He added that instability in the region was the result of foreign interventions, and reaffirmed that navigation in the Gulf was not affected despite fighting between the two Gulf states.

The prince emphasized cooperation among the Gulf states and made a reference to an earlier announcement by Sheikh Saad Abdullah Al-Sabah, the Kuwaiti heir-apparent and prime minister, that Kuwait and other Gulf states would adopt a new strategy in many spheres and that a projected Gulf summit would adopt a resolution on this strategy. He said that a meeting would take place soon, not at the summit level but at the level of foreign ministers, to discuss the framework of this cooperation.

In regard to Kuwait's proposal on the

institution of an Islamic court of justice, Prince Saud said it was an excellent idea and Kuwait would submit a working paper for discussion.

About the situation in Chad, Prince Saud said the Chad situation is the concern of African countries. They have shown their concern about Libyan interference in Chad, he added. The Kingdom feels the displeasure of these countries and understands their stand, the Prince said.

Asked about the issue of the three Arab islands occupied by Iran, he said that the

United Arab Emirates has the right to demand the return of these islands. If the UAE decides to present the issue at the summit conference, the participants will consider the issue, he added.

Speaking about his recent visit to the Vatican, the prince said Christians also have interests being abused by Israel in Jerusalem. One of the major objectives of the Jerusalem Committee is to discuss the Christian stand with the Vatican and other Christian parties, he said.

On the direction of the new U.S. policy

after President-elect Ronald Reagan takes office, Prince Saud expressed hope that the U.S. government would work to resolve the Palestine question, returning the rights of the Palestinian people and take part in international initiatives to bring about justice, peace and restore rights.

Prince Saud also said he hoped that European countries would work for a just peace for the Middle East problem and participate in achieving stability in the region because they have vital interests with the Arab world. Prince Saud was referring to the European initiative.

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